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## **400 exhibitors together account for the biggest trade event ever for industrial fluid and gas technologies, measurement and control techniques and production-oriented maintenance at Antwerp Expo.**

On 23 and 24 March 2022, 3 industrial trade shows will ensure a completely sold-out Antwerp Expo. With a record number of 400 exhibitors, Pumps & Valves, Maintenance and M+R will fill all 5 halls at Antwerp Expo. The result is 18,500 m<sup>2</sup> of solutions for industrial pumps, valves, seals, process instrumentation, automation, maintenance and asset management.

### **3 industrial trade shows together for the first time**

The Maintenance and Pumps & Valves duo-fair has been successfully organised at Antwerp Expo since 2012. In the odd-numbered years, the trade shows Worksafe, M+R (measurement and control technology for the process industry) and Maintenance were combined as a 3-part combination at Antwerp Expo. Due to Covid-19, the March 2020 edition of Maintenance and Pumps & Valves could not take place. Since not a single trade show or live event was allowed to take place in the spring of 2021 because of government measures, the diary conundrum became ever more complex.

Considering the M+R measurement and control technology for the process industry trade show closely matches the technologies that can be found at Pumps & Valves and Maintenance, we decided in February 2021 to organise these 3 strong trade shows together in March 2022 for the first time in their long existence.

The main objective of this strategy was to give our exhibitors, partners and visitors from the various industries a lot of momentum with the timing that they are used to (the month of March). This momentum obviously also had to fall into a period when trade shows could be organised again.

### **Back to enjoying the vigour of face-to-face conversations without restrictions!**

Over the past 2 years we have all discovered both the simplicity and the limitations of digital communication tools. The Zoom, Teams or Webex meetings have helped us a great deal to keep communicating with each other. But for initial introductions, sales discussions, more complex technical meetings, knowledge transfer or informal chats, face-to-face conversations are still irreplaceable.

**At Pumps & Valves, Maintenance and M+R on 23 & 24 March 2022, it will be the first time since the start of the pandemic 2 years ago that our visitors and exhibitors can meet each other again on the fair floor without restrictive measures. This will be a wonderful time that everyone is looking forward to immensely.**

**New topics such as hydrogen, steam techniques and 15 other masterclasses will be able to be followed live again.**

There is also a richly filled fringe programme with more than 15 masterclasses that can be attended live again at Pumps & Valves, Maintenance and M+R 2022.

**Hydrogen.** Together with the organisation Waterstofnet.eu we are organising a masterclass on Wednesday 23 March to cover the current situation of the hydrogen network in Flanders and the Netherlands. As well as providing an insight into future plans, the masterclass will also look at the technical aspects that hydrogen installations need to satisfy. Our 3 trade shows will be attended by no fewer than 400 suppliers with the best technologies in pumps, valves, seals, measuring techniques, piping... and maintenance. It can only be very interesting for our exhibitors to attend this session.

**Steam techniques.** The majority of energy consumption in industry in Belgium is related to the generation of heat in the production process. Together with the organisation Energik vzw, the Flemish association for energy and environmental technology, on Thursday 24 March we will be organising Steam Technology Day 2022. The latest updates on the configurations, maintenance and performance of steam installations will then be explained.

**Process Analyser Technology.** There will also be a specialised masterclass on Process Analyser Technology in the 4.0 era together with ie-net. Masterclasses are also being organised with the associations BEMAS, EHEDG, VMX ...

The full programme of the free masterclasses can be found on the websites of the 3 trade shows.

### **Innovations from the many exhibitors up for discovery**

With all the various innovations, visitors can again take a guided tour of the exhibitors' innovations. Of all the innovations received, 4 innovation awards will also be presented: the BEMAS Maintenance Digital Innovation Award and the BEMAS Maintenance Innovation Award, the M+R Innovation Award and finally the Valves Innovation Award. The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 23 March at 6 p.m. at the networking bar in hall 3.

### **Practical info**

Pumps & Valves, Maintenance and M+R will be open on Wednesday 23 March from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Thursday 24 March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All 5 halls at Antwerp Expo will be completely filled by 400 exhibitors, presenting the largest offer to date. Apart from monitoring the air quality in the halls, there will no longer be any restrictive measures imposed on our exhibitors and visitors.

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