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Spring in Split, summer in Jakarta



Every two months, IECEX Chairman Prof. Dr. Thorsten Arnhold provides an update on developments within his organisation

After a long hard winter, Europeans are welcoming the spring and a perfect location to be at this time is definitely Croatia! The organisers of the 2018 spring meeting of IEC Committee TC31 came to the same conclusion and our colleagues from that country have been so kind to organise a two week series of meetings for the different Maintenance Teams, Working Groups and Sub Committees in the beautiful city of Split.

Immediately after the TC 31 session, a one-day IECEX Conference was held in partnership with the United Nations UNECE and the Croatian Standards Institute on 23 April 2018.

Before the event, some IECEX officers had been a little bit skeptical about running such an event in the middle of ATEX territory, but the conference proved the organisers right. A total of 120 attendees came, most of them from Croatia, but also a significant number from Italy, Turkey, Poland, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and

Slovenia. And we found eight sponsoring organisations to offset the costs of the whole conference.

The event was a huge success and while most of the participating countries (except Italy) are not large Ex equipment manufacturing countries, the interest in Ex equipment, personal certification and the IECEX Recognized Training Provider Program was significant, with calls for a follow-up two-day event to give more time on specific topics. All presentations given at the conference can be downloaded from the IECEX website under "Meetings and Events".

The growing importance of the IECEX system can be shown by the fact that in 2018, for the very first time, we are organising two international conferences in one year. Beside the conference in Croatia, the secretary and his colleagues from the Sydney office are preparing a second conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. It is planned for 8 and 9 August 2018 and will be executed in partnership with the United Nations UNECE and the Indonesian National Committee.

As with all our international conferences, the most important goal is to permit as many interested people as possible to attend the event, and attendance is free of charge. As with the Split conference, the major focus will be on the personal competence of all people who work in hazardous areas and the certification of service providers. Another key item will be the correct understanding and application of the relevant TC 31 standards. For this, we will engage a number of well-known international experts as speakers

Further details of this important event is available from the conference website: <https://www.iecex.com/meeting-and-events/2018-iecex-international-conference-jakarta-indonesia/>

And speaking of websites, the new IECEX website went live at the beginning of this

year to replace our original site which was built some 17 years ago.

Key features of the New site include:

- Similar look and feel to old website
- All main areas of information and their locations remain the same – No frustrating surprises for those looking for information
- A more robust IT platform to service IECEX into the future
- Enhanced security of information
- Greater compatibility with mobile devices
- Improved navigation

I have mentioned before that IECEX is a very transparent and customer friendly system, and the best example of this is our homepage. This is the front-end for all our interactions with customers and stakeholders and it needs to be exceptionally user-friendly, stable and fit for the future!

When this magazine goes to press we will be in the final stage of the preparation of the series of annual meetings of our Working Groups and Committees in Weimar, Germany.

We are planning a comprehensive program of meetings with such outstanding issues as cyber security, the extension of the Service Facility Certification Program and the integration of the new 60079 – 46: *Assemblies in the Certified Equipment Scheme*. Shortly after the publication of this new document we moved to introduce this into our certification program and a number of ExCBs have already added this to their scope. Due to the fact that typically assemblies are a combination of electrical and nonelectrical parts, IECEX took the decision that an IECEX CB which wants to get a scope extension for 60079-46 must also ensure the new IEC 80079 series is in their scope.

The quick integration of all these new standards into our conformity assessment system is a good example of the close coordination between standard generation and maintenance between TC31 and the IECEX system. ■