

# Dubai to host major IECEx event

First IECEx International Conference in the Middle East



**Middle Eastern countries that have a large number of oil producing and processing operations are expressing a strong interest in IECEx, the IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmospheres. To help educate interested parties about the System and learn how the region can benefit from it, ESMA (Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology) has taken the initiative and approached IECEx to host a major event in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.**

### The conference

Organized by the IEC and IECEx, together with ESMA, and in conjunction with UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe), the 2012 IECEx International Conference will take place in Dubai on 20-21 March 2012.

The two-day event will provide a unique opportunity for industries in the region to

get better acquainted with IEC International Standards and Conformity Assessment Systems in general and find out how they can derive most benefit from the IECEx services that cover Ex equipment and systems, repair and overhaul facilities, and certification of personnel competence. All services are formally endorsed by the United Nations, through UNECE, as an international model for safety regulations in Ex (explosive) areas.

### A world of expertise

This conference will bring together experts from all over the world who are involved in the design, manufacturing, inspection, repair and overhaul of Ex equipment and systems, as well as in the assessment and certification of personnel competence. Issues concerning requirements and regulations in the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) region will form a crucial part of the conference.

Through their presentations and direct contact, the expert panel of speakers will be able to share their experience and detailed knowledge of all matters pertaining to the Ex field, such as plant design, principles and practical applications of area classification, installation and repair in compliance with IEC International Standards. They will answer questions, provide advice and give valuable information to anyone involved in the Ex sector.

It is worth noting that a great number of experts have already offered to speak at this event.

### Networking opportunity

In addition to the exchange of valuable and updated information concerning Ex equipment and installations, this event provides an excellent networking opportunity for key managers and personnel

associated with the day-to-day operation of Ex related plants and installations, especially within the oil and gas industries.

### Get involved – Participate

If you take part, you will be able to benefit from the experience of a great number of experts who have offered to make presentations.



### Practical information

Interest in this event has been very strong from the outset. If you want to get involved, send your information to [info@iecex.com](mailto:info@iecex.com)

This is a sponsored event – Admission to the conference is free.

The conference will be held at the Dubai Grand Hyatt Hotel on 20-21 March 2012

A copy of the conference brochure and detailed programme is available at: [www.iec.ch/meetings/events](http://www.iec.ch/meetings/events)

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