

AGMA JOINS IFPE FOR EXHIBIT PAVILION



The American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) is sponsoring an exhibit pavilion for its members at the 2008 International Exposition for Power Transmission (IFPE). The exposition is the largest technical conference for hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical and mechanical power transmission components, systems and controls. IFPE 2008 will run from March 11-15 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"AGMA has been a supporting organization for IFPE in the past," says Sara Truesdale-Mooney, IFPE show manager. "We thought it would be a good idea to have AGMA become a sponsoring organization, and to feature the mechanical side of things this year."

The show is primarily for design engineers, purchasing managers, and other high-level executives looking for the latest technologies in power transmission, components and systems

and controls for mobile equipment applications.

"This partnership provides exposure for the gear industry," says Kurt Medert, AGMA vice president. "It's also beneficial for AGMA from a broader perspective, in the same way that exhibiting in the international wind energy show and the Hannover Fair help AGMA members find new business opportunities."

Mooney believes the partnership will continue between AGMA and the IFPE in the future. "We hope to build on this relationship for future exhibitions; it's beneficial for both our attendees as well as AGMA members."

Linda Western, executive director of the National Fluid Power Association (NFPA) is pleased with AGMA's participation in the show. "Industry partnerships such as this strengthen IFPE's scope and are a key to its success," says Western.

IFPE 2008 is running simultaneously with CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2008, the largest international gathering place in 2008 for the construction industries. The shows are expected to attract more than 125,000 visitors from around the world.

Along with the AGMA-sponsored pavilion, the IFPE is offering from the Power Transmission Distributors Association (PTDA) as well as that highlights sensor suppliers. Pavilions sponsored by China, Italy, Spain and Taiwan offer international business solutions and contacts.

AGMA has scheduled its 2008 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas from March 8-10, giving its members the opportunity to stay for the exhibition. Although IFPE is sold out, Mooney says there is a waiting list for interested parties on a first come/first serve basis. For more information call (414) 298-4141, toll free (800) 867-6060 or visit www.ifpe.com.

Solar's VACUUM CARBURIZING SEMINAR

Solar Atmospheres of Western PA will host a free seminar on the developments and applications of vacuum carburizing. The event will be held on Thursday, April 17th, at the company's Hermitage, PA facility. According to a Solar press release, the three-hour seminar will include a tour of the 65,000-square-foot plant—focusing on the vacuum carburizing area—as well as a look at what the company states are the world's largest commercial vacuum furnaces.

The course outline will include talks given by Bob Hill, president of Solar Atmospheres; Trevor Jones, project engineer; and Don Jordan, vice president of Solar's Technical Center, located in Souderton, PA. Topics to be covered will include the "History of Traditional Carburizing," "Vacuum Carburizing Furnace Development" and "Benefits and Applications of Vacuum Carburizing." The seminar, which includes lunch, will start at 9:00 a.m., concluding at 1:00 p.m.

RSVP and confirmation by Solar is required by April 11. Contact Lori Wansack at (866) 982-0660, Ext. 238 to make your reservation, or email lori@solaratm.com. Includes lunch, will start at 9:00 a.m., concluding at 1:00 p.m.

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February 15-18—Tooltech. Bangalore International Exhibition Center, Bangalore, India. India's premier exhibition on cutting tools, tooling systems and machine tool accessories focuses on industry issues from technology and design to quality and production. The Association for Manufacturing Technology's (AMT) team will be on hand to provide data information for the Indian market. For more information, contact Knox Johnstone at (703) 827-5224.

February 20-21—AGMA Gear Accuracy Committee. Orlando, Florida. Members of this committee will gather to discuss topics including the development of AGMA 2002-CXX, tooth thickness specification and measurement, and new standards on spur and helical gear accuracy. For more information, visit www.agma.org or call AGMA headquarters at (703) 684-0211.

February 28—Makino's How to Get the Most Out of Your Work Zone Webinar. Makino's online seminar provides an emphasis on greater productivity and quality by maximizing utilization of the entire work zone of a horizontal machining center. From design to processing techniques and technologies, attendees will learn how to achieve accurate results, even while cutting high in the Y-axis. Each webinar consists of a 20-45 minute presentation followed by a Q&A session with the speaker. Registration is required, but webinars are free of charge. For more information, visit www.makino.com/events.

February 28-29—AGMA Cutting Tools Committee. The committee will meet to advance their work on AGMA 1104-AXX, a tolerance specification for shaper cutters. They will also determine the U.S. position on international standards being developed on cutting tool accuracy. For more information, e-mail Amy Lane at lane@agma.org or

call AGMA headquarters at (703) 684-0211.

March 4-6—Expo Manufactura Cintermex. Cintermex, Monterrey, Mexico. Heading into its 14th year, the Expo Manufactura is designed for metalworking and manufacturing professionals in machine tools, automation, assembly, robotics, lasers and welding/welding processes. For more information including registration, visit www.ejkrause.com.

March 12-13—Lean for the Supply Chain. Crown Plaza Hotel, San Jose, California. An SME event designed to provide manufacturers with a plan to use lean principles and tools to survive and thrive in their supply chain. Each attendee will leave with a document that maps out strategies (Plan, Do, Check, Act) to continue utilizing lean principles. For more information, contact the SME Resource Center at service@sme.org.

March 27—Makino's 5-Axis Machining Solutions Webinar. Makino's online seminar introduces advantages of five-axis machining, including how new levels of sustained dynamic accuracy are achieved. Attendees will also learn how five-axis machining can improve part quality and maximize manufacturing input. Registration is required, but webinars are free of charge. For more information, visit www.makino.com/events.

March 26-27—Advanced Manufacturing Expo. International Centre, Toronto, Ontario. Two events form the basis for the Advanced Manufacturing Expo—the Canadian High-Technology Show (CHTS) and Assembly Canada. Both programs feature education sessions as well as innovations on the showroom floor. Attendees will learn, compare and implement operation solutions. Assembly Canada concentrates on the assembling of discrete parts into finished products, while the Canadian High-

Technology Show focuses on products and services for electronics manufacturing. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers sponsors the event. For more information contact Lori Ann Dick, senior public relations representative, at communications@sme.org.

March 31-April 3—WESTEC 2008 Exposition and Conference. Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA. With a focus on technology and professional advancement, WESTEC offers free educational programs including sessions on comparative technologies, lean principles and business management strategies in manufacturing. This year's conference features a back-to-basics program offering manufacturing career opportunities. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers sponsors the event. For more information contact Lori Ann Dick, senior public relations representative, at communications@sme.org.

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