

Press information

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Clear growth in spite of the global crisis underlines the special position of the GrindTec / 400 exhibitors coming from 23 countries at Europe's leading forum for grinding technology / Numerous product premières and innovations at Augsburg

Augsburg – 400 participating companies: That means plus 14 % exhibitors. It is really incredible, considering the losses, which other metal engineering trade fairs are suffering, some worse than others. On the other hand it is a clear proof for the specialised trade fair GrindTec. And in spite of the difficult general conditions, even the amount of exhibition area has in fact increased by a good 10 % to more than 25,000 m². The newly built exhibition Hall 5 – now the largest hall in Augsburg with 8,000 m² - completes the closed circuit for Europe's leading forum for the sector, where all the leading companies from the field of grinding technology are presenting their novelties. Once again the latest trends and developments will be presented at the GrindTec Forum in Hall 5, and there will once again be a new edition of the very popular competition to find the "Tool-grinder of the year".

GrindTec international: China, India and Korea represented in Augsburg

With 36 % of foreign exhibitors, the internationality factor of the fair remains unusually high. Among the foreign countries participating, Switzerland is the most evident with 51 exhibitors; Italy also shows a light increase with 23 companies, as well as France with 11 and Austria with 9 companies participating. Although the GrindTec is basically first and foremost the European Forum for Grinding Technology, more and more suppliers from overseas are discovering its qualities as a platform to open up new markets. There will now be 8 companies coming from China, followed by Israel (5), Korea (4), India (3) and the USA (2).

GrindTec 2010: Novelties and trends from all over the world

GrindTec visitors can look forward to finding an even larger range of novelties and new developments. Of course the main emphasis is naturally on the engineering process of grinding technology. In addition products from the fields of surface, cylinder and tool grinding, deburring and lapping machines, chucks, measuring and testing equipment and grinding discs await the visitors, as well as waste disposal systems, lubricants and coolants. Service suppliers and software specialists complete the comprehensive range of products and suppliers. More and more we find products from the sector of carbide processing and a great field of applications for CNC tool-grinding machines, including their automatisisation. In addition we find a broad range in the field of engineering of PCD grinding, ceramics, carbide and HSS and also – naturally - considerable new developments in the field of user software. And in addition: More and more the centres of research and education are discovering the high-tech world of modern, computer-controlled grinding of tools and components. In 2010 for the first time universities and technical colleges such as Dortmund and Aachen will be represented, as well as the well-known Fraunhofer Institute (see also "Press Information 2010 - Novelties in Europe's market for Grinding Technology").

GrindTec FORUM – Innovations, trends and new perspectives

An ideal complement to the exhibits shown by the exhibitors in the four exhibition halls is the GrindTec Forum with its lectures. The Chamber of Trades of Swabia is giving a talk on Wednesday to inform about "Promotion Programmes for Small and

Medium-sized Enterprises”, Thursday is completely devoted to training and further education, accompanied by the competition to find the “Tool-grinder of the year”. On Friday and Saturday the lectures present the latest trends and innovations from the field of Grinding Technology. The lectures in the Forum do not last longer than 20 minutes and are followed by question-time with the presenter. On Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the Forum is organised by the FDPW Academy, and on Thursday (18th March) the trade magazine “Fertigung” directs operations. The complete programme in German and English is included in the Press File and it is available as a download in the internet at www.grindtec.de > Rahmenprogramm > Forum.

Exhibitors’ evening “GrindTec International”

Once again the exhibitors’ evening for the GrindTec2010 promises to be a very special celebration, taking place on Thursday, 18th March from 18.30 in Hall 6. After the theme “Bella Italia” we have chosen “GrindTec International” – the perfect opportunity to round off the second day of the trade fair in a soothing and relaxed atmosphere. Ticket price per person all inclusive: € 25.00. Any remaining tickets are available from the Show Management in the foyer of Hall 1.

Sculpture exhibition “Open Space” by Bernhard Schmid

Handcraft grinding technology and visionary art: Unique wooden sculptures result from this combination, presented by the wood sculptor Bernhard Schmid from Rettenbach at the GrindTec 2010.

For the GrindTec organisers AFAG it seemed obvious that they should offer a well-known local artist, who is connected with the topic of the trade fair in such a fantastic manner, a platform at the GrindTec, and at the same time to enrich the trade fair.

17th – 20th March 2010, Hall 6. The official inauguration will take place on Friday, 19th March at 18.00 hrs.

Facts & Figures

As per 26.02.10

Trade fair dates:	Wednesday, 17 th March to Saturday, 20 th March 2010	
Opening times:	Daily 09.00 – 18.00 hrs	
Location:	Augsburg Trade Fair Centre	
Exhibition Halls:	Halls 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 and Congress Centre	
Gross surface area:	25,000 square metres gross (2008: 23,000 square metres gross)	
Amount of exhibitors:	400 companies from 23 countries (26.02.10) (2008: 352 companies from 25 countries)	
Participating countries:	Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Korea, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, USA	
Entry tickets:	Adults:	€ 17,--
	Reduced ticket:	€ 10,--
	Catalogue:	€ 3,--
Travel information in the internet:	German Railway: www.bahn.de Munich Airport: www.munich-airport.de Augsburg: www.augsburg.de	

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