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MES 2023: about 100 experts in sustainable materials and surface technology on 1 day

Sustainability is no longer a choice: scarcity of raw materials, but also the climate and energy transition make investment in sustainable materials and surface techniques essential. To help the industry on its way and to offer them insight into solutions and opportunities, Mikrocentrum, Vereniging ION and VOM organize for the second time the networking event Materials+Eurofinish+Surface (MES). MES 2023 will take place on June 15 at NH Koningshof in Veldhoven (NL).

MES 2023 offers visitors answers to current themes around materials, analytical techniques, joining techniques, product development and surface technology, in order to achieve a good and sustainable end product. In addition, MES 2023 connects manufacturing companies, suppliers, knowledge institutions and governmental authorities to promote crossovers between sectors and realize collaborations in the value chain.

Responding to current themes

The informal networking event MES 2023 is built around 6 main themes:

- Measurement is knowledge
- Energy and environmental management
- Service life and quality
- Materials and coatings of the future
- Worry-free outsourcing
- Efficient and responsible manufacturing

Visitors can delve into these topics during the conference program, at almost hundred Dutch and Belgian exhibitors and at the inspiring demo square.

Comprehensive congress program

This year's congress consists of 12 lectures and a number of Tech Talks by exhibitors. For example, Marcel van Wonderen, Master Engineer Process Equipment & materials Development at KLM Engineering & Maintenance, will speak about innovative maintenance techniques in aviation. Timothy Van Caelenberghe, Technical Sales Advisor at Fluves, will give his talk on preventing corrosion under insulation using fiberglass detection technology.

That you can fill vacancies yourself, without a recruitment agency, will be discussed in the lecture "Personnel can be found" by Roy Verduyn, Director Omwerven. And what about the challenges in surface treatment of new surfaces such as 3D printed metals (MAM)? This is what Dr. Reynier I. Revilla, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Free University of Brussels (VUB), is talking about. This is just a sampling of a diverse range of lectures.

Techcafé

During MES 2023 a special edition of the Techcafé (an initiative of Mikrocentrum and DSPE) will take place with the theme: materials in construction. This meeting lasts from 16-17 hours and deals with

the use of different materials in high-tech and the influence of the choice of materials on the development of a product or part: is enough consideration given to the various options available? And is the engineer well informed about the opportunities offered by special (or not special) materials? Afterwards, there is plenty of opportunity for networking.

Advantages of participating in MES 2023

MES 2023 takes place in the beating heart of the manufacturing industry: Veldhoven. The location attracts a stream of interesting visitors from renowned high-tech and manufacturing companies in the region. De Koningshof is located a stone's throw from the Belgian border, near the E34/A67 exit. The trade fair offers participants an efficient all-in formula, with a ready-made stand including catering & parking. For the surface treatment industry, it is a low-threshold way to contribute to a greener world.

More information and visit registration

More information about the program and exhibitor overview can be found on the MES 2023 website, mes.vom.be. Here, interested parties can also

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About Mikrocentrum

Mikrocentrum is the connecting platform for the manufacturing and high-tech industry. We are fascinated by technology. And as an independent foundation, we can, like no other, make the right connection to translate this fascination to all levels of the value chain. Together with our members, customers and partners, we are committed to a strong innovative ecosystem, to the development of talent and to today's major societal challenges. We do this by educating, fostering connections, and building relationships through our courses, events, and member platform. Because with knowledge, talent, skills and connections as fuel, we make the world of tomorrow, a little better today.

About VOM

VOM vzw is a technical trade association active in the field of surface treatment of materials in Belgium. Currently, nearly 270 companies are members. VOM's members are contracting companies, customers, integrated companies, product and equipment suppliers, research centers and universities.

Our mission is to disseminate general and technical information on all types of coating processes (through networking activities, courses, training sessions, company visits, study days and publications), as well as to represent our sector to the industry and public authorities. All disciplines of surface treatment as well as environment, safety and quality are widely covered.

About the ION Association

ION is the professional association for all people active in the surface treatment industry (contractors, suppliers, integrated companies). ION also includes inspection offices and training centers.

Surface treatments include: chemical/mechanical pretreatment, galvanizing, anodizing, enameling, powder coating, (wet) painting, hot-dip galvanizing/spraying, metal preservation, PVD/CVD and many more.

For its nearly 300 members, the ION Association is committed to:

- Transferring knowledge for and through members
- Providing regional and national networking opportunities
- Generating information through all possible channels
- Representing interests in The Hague and Brussels
- Organize events, alone or with industry partners
- Offering in-company training

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