

IANA and the Increasing Relevance of IMTS

Many of you probably think of IMTS as just a machine tool show. Of course, it's hard not to. With the majority of the show focused on metalworking equipment, tooling and supplies, there's no doubt that IMTS is a machine tool show.

But this year, the show has partnered with Hannover Messe to include IANA—Industrial Automation North America—as a pavilion of IMTS and an integral part of the event. Now, buyers of power transmission and motion control products, as well as specifiers and designers of all kinds of industrial machinery, have more reasons to attend IMTS.

In the past, buyers of motion control and power transmission components had a much more limited selection of vendors to visit. Although there have always been sellers of servomotors, ballscrews, bearings and the like at IMTS, most of those exhibitors went to IMTS to support and sell to other exhibitors—namely, the machine tool manufacturers. And you can count on those exhibitors to be there again this year. But with the introduction of IANA, IMTS is becoming a much more comprehensive manufacturing technology event.

The IANA pavilion includes more than 100 exhibitors who are specialists in motion control, factory automation and systems integration. If you have a tricky machine design issue or a motion system that needs optimizing, IMTS will have a host of experts who can help. Suppliers from all around the world will be on-hand to discuss their latest technologies and services. To help you sort through it all, we've put together a listing of key exhibits, both inside and outside the IANA pavilion, on pages 30–33 of this issue.

In addition to the exhibits, IMTS is host to a number of conferences and educational op-

portunities that should be of interest to power transmission and motion control professionals.

The Motion, Drives and Automation Conference takes place September 10–11, and it includes conference tracks on motion control and fluid power. Researchers, executives and engineering technology leaders will speak about boosting machine efficiency, predictive maintenance and industrial automation security.

The Global Automation & Manufacturing Summit is September 12–13. Speakers from leading automation companies will talk about data security, energy management, process optimization, sustainability and other topics. The summit will also feature case studies on plant automation for profitability, asset-performance improvement and maintenance cost reduction.

Finally, ISA—the International Society of Automation—will present training sessions September 13–14 on controls, industrial wireless systems, measurement and control fundamentals, manufacturing execution systems and safety instrumented systems.

This will be my tenth visit to IMTS. Because of the show's evolution, including the introduction of IANA and its strong focus on motion control, I expect this year's visit to be among the most interesting, educational and fruitful. If you are involved in designing, developing or maintaining industrial machinery, you should go, too. I hope to see you there.



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