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Hose + Coupling World Americas Conference & Expo 2018 was a Resounding Success!

Houston, TX—The Hose + Coupling World Americas Conference and Expo, in partnership with NAHAD, was held on October 16th and 17th at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. There was a total of over 700 people registered for the entire event.

The successful two-day event was attended by professionals from all over the world including the United States, Canada, Mexico, Italy, China, Germany and Portugal. These international delegates were a great mix of Subject Matter Experts, Procurement Managers, Senior Mechanical Engineers, including representatives from such influential companies as BP Production and Exploration, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, National Oilwell Varco, The Dow Chemical Company and Haliburton just to name a few.

Held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, the event was well-attended by visitors who enjoyed walking the exhibition floor and speaking with knowledgeable exhibitors. Visitors and exhibitors alike were able to network and obtain quality leads. In total, over 45 companies from around the world, exhibited as part of the event. Also located in the heart of the Expo Floor was the Speaker's Corner stage, which hosted presenters who discussed a variety of topics and performed live demonstrations.

The conference, which ran concurrently with the exhibition, began each day with keynote lectures given by representatives from Airgas, an Air Liquide Company, The Hose Safety Institute and Jacobs Engineering among several others. Conference sessions were filled with interested delegates who challenged the speakers with educated and thoughtful questions and many in-depth discussions followed. It was thrilling to see industry professionals sharing ideas and collaborating on important industry topics such as hydraulic hoses, hose safety, materials, testing, new technology, connections, etc. In total, there were nine different workshops with approximately 27 individual workshop presentations.

The Hose + Coupling World Americas Conference and Expo team would like to thank the Conference Chairman, Mr. Fred Schweighardt, National Projects Leader, Airgas, an Air Liquide Company, as well as the steering committee for all their hard work in creating an interesting and educational conference program.

The Hose + Coupling World Americas team would also like to take the opportunity to recognize the support of our main event sponsors: Proco Products, Inc., Ryco Hydraulics, Flexaust, Dixon and Continental; the conference supporters: NAHAD, The Hose Safety Institute and IDCO; as well as our media sponsors: Chemical Engineering, Fluid Handling, and Hydraulics & Pneumatics.

Please look for a full retrospective of the event, including photos, in the upcoming November issue of *Valve World Americas* and the upcoming December issue of *Hose + Coupling World*.

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Attendees from around the world walked the expo floor to network, as well as learn about the latest solutions and products in the industry.

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The conference covered various topics such as hose management, hose safety, and installation & connections.



Conference Chairman, Fred Schweighardt, welcomed attendees on October 16 to the two-day event.