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ebm-papst Innovation Forum 2017

Strategies for the Future

The three-day Innovation Forum with the theme "Think interconnection. Design the future." focused on the latest developments and concepts in the ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration sectors – plus networked solutions for the future. A total of 225 participants accepted the invitation to come to Mulfingen and discuss the sector's latest developments.

The agenda included 34 lectures by experts on a wide range of topics concerning ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. The main topics on June 20 and 21 were ventilation technology for residential buildings, connectivity to the Internet of Things and data center retrofits. The energy-related optimization of existing ventilation systems and industrial and commercial ventilation technology were the special focus. The presentations on June 22 were devoted to innovative refrigeration.

Dr. Bruno Lindl, Managing Director of Research and Development at the ebm-papst Group, explained: "We initiated the Forum to present and discuss new requirements and products along the entire value chain, including benefits for end customers. The theme 'Think interconnection. Design the future.' is as much a prerequisite as it is a call for innovation and progress." After the event, Lindl drew the following conclusion: "Listening, reflecting and acting is an excellent strategy for the future. The technological challenges we must overcome in the near future are energy efficiency in current consumption, operation with as little noise as possible, needs-compatible closed-loop control and connectivity."

The meaningful and practical exchange of information and ideas is traditionally the Innovation Forum's main purpose. It features a mixture of external and independent experts, product innovations from ebm-papst and stimulating discussions. The participants greatly appreciated the opportunity to find out more about the technologies presented and have personal exchanges with experts.

ebm-papst hosts the Innovation Forum every two years and this year's was the seventh in the series. A tour of the new logistics center in Hollenbach rounded out Innovation Forum 2017.

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Fig. 1: Refrigeration was one of the focal areas of the ebm-papst Innovation Forum. The AxiCool for evaporators was on exhibit in Mulfingen.



Fig. 2: A total of 34 expert lectures on the latest topics and products surrounding the theme "Think interconnection. Design the future."

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The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors. Since it was founded, the technology company has continuously set global market standards. Developments have ranged from electronically controlled EC fans, through aerodynamic improvements of fan blades, on to the resource-conserving selection of materials, with sustainable materials being just one option.

In fiscal year 2015/16, the company achieved sales of almost €1.7 billion. ebm-papst employs approximately 13,000 people at 25 production sites (in Germany, China, the United States and elsewhere) and in 49 sales offices worldwide. Fans and motors from the global market leader can be found in many industries, including ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, household appliances, heating, automobiles and drive engineering.

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