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FOURTH VALVE WORLD AMERICAS EXPO & CONFERENCE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Houston, TX—The fourth staging of Valve World Americas Expo & Conference organized by KCI Publishing Corporation and Messe Düsseldorf North America was held on June 20th and 21st at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. There were a total of 4,141 attendees for the entire event, including nearly 450 conference delegates.

The successful two-day event was attended by professionals from all over the world including Canada, the United States, Europe, India and more. These international delegates were a great mix of Valve Subject Matter Experts, Procurement Managers, Piping Engineers and Materials Specialists, including representatives from such influential companies as Fluor, The Dow Chemical Company, Jacobs Engineering, Shell and many others.

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 300 companies exhibited as part of the event. Also located in the heart of the Expo Floor were the two speakers' Corner stages, which hosted presenters who discussed a variety of topics and performed live demonstrations including Partial Stroke Actuator Devices, Dynamic Gasket Recovery to Eliminate Bolted Joint Leaks, Drill & Tap Demo, Test Stand Demo and How to Use Sealant Injection on a Valve.

The conference, which ran concurrently with the exhibition, began each day with plenary lectures given by representatives from The Dow Chemical Company, Emerson Automation Solutions, United Valve, A.W. Chesterton, Fluor, Bray International and The American Petroleum Institute (API). 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 castings & materials, maintenance & repair, supply chain management, fugitive emissions, control valve reliability prediction, valve design, cryogenics, actuation & automation, performance & validation and partial stroke testing. In total there were 14 different workshops with approximately 60 individual workshop presentations.

Additionally on June 19th, the day before the conference officially began, six informative courses were held on the following topics: Valve Essentials, Fugitive Emissions, Pump Basics, Grow Your Career in the Valve Industry, Social Media in the Valve Industry and Fluid Sealing Association Short Courses. Each of these courses were filled with interested participants who learned a lot from each of the sessions.

The Valve World Americas Expo & Conference team would like to thank the Conference Chairman, Mr. Bill Patrick, The Dow Chemical Company; Conference Co-Chair Mr. Gobind

Khiani, Fluor Canada; and the steering committee for all their hard work in creating an interesting and educational conference program.

Valve World Americas would also like to take the opportunity to recognize the support of our main event sponsors: Bonney Forge, Bray, Crane, DistributionNow, Emerson, Metso, MRC Global and Velan, as well as the conference supporters: The American Petroleum Institute (API), the Fluid Sealing Association (FSA) and the Society of Piping Engineers (SPED).

Please look for a full retrospective of the event including photos in the August issue of *Valve World Americas*.

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