



Maintenance experts discuss challenges in the Middle East



The 2nd Middle East Maintenance Conference and Exhibition (MAINTCON 2012) will be held on December 2-5, 2012. It is organized by Gulf Society of Maintenance Professionals (GSMP) in cooperation with the Bahrain Society of Engineers (BSE) and the Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management (GFMAM) at the Gulf International Convention Center, Gulf Hotel Bahrain. For more information please visit www.maintcon.org.

Conference keynote speakers included are Mr. Ahmed AL-Sa'adi, Vice President, Gas Operations at Saudi Aramco, Mr. Hashim Hashim, Deputy Managing Director at the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), Mr. Gordon Smith, CEO of Bapco (Bahrain), Mr. Ahmed Al-Subaey, Executive Director Strategic Transformation Office of Saudi Aramco, Mr. Abdullah Al Zamil, CEO Zamil Industries, and Mr. Ali Al-Tamimi, Vice President ADMA (UAE), Mr. Gregory Jeffrey Vice President General Manager, User Sales & Industrial Products Division and Engineered Products Division, Flowserve and Mr. John Hardwicke Chairman Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management (GFMAM).

The conference will discuss Asset Integrity Management, Maintenance Excellence, Shutdown and Turnarounds, Reliability Engineering, Technology, Predictive and Preventive Maintenance and case studies. The conference program includes holding four (4) workshops discussing Ultrasound Assisted Lubrication, Maintenance Strategies and Asset performance, Work Management for Executives and Equipment Care Team. MAINTCON 2012 will also organize an exam for Certified Maintenance & Reliability Professionals (CMRP).

More than 800 participants from 45 companies are expected from different sectors like oil, petrochemical and support services.



The Board of Directors of the GSMP has adopted the Certified Maintenance and Professionals Certificate (CMRP) as the standard for demonstrating competence for maintenance professionals in the GCC. We encourage all GSMP members and other maintenance professionals with more than 5 years' experience working in maintenance to complete the examination and become CMRP certified. The CMRP is an internationally recognized and ANSI accredited certification program, the only one in the industry with those merits. The content is all inclusive, covering the five pillars of Maintenance and Reliability knowledge:

- Business and Management
- Production Reliability
- Equipment Reliability
- Organization and Leadership
- Work Management

As a bonus, if you are not currently a GSMP member, you get a free 1 year membership when you sit for the exam as a non-member. As a result you'll be able to take advantage of all of the great benefits that GSMP has to offer.

Chairman's Message

Maintenance is a core business of any company, and one that impacts all aspects of the company's activities.

It gives me great pleasure to see the launch of this first issue of the GSMP newsletter – a newsletter that provides a much needed platform to share & disseminate ideas & information to all levels of personnel involved or interested in Maintenance.

As the region strives towards reaching best in class in maintenance, we look forward to your participation by submitting articles reflecting innovation, best practices and success stories in all disciplines of your company's maintenance activities.

Maintenance is recognized as being of fundamental value to an organization's business, and one that adds significant value to the company's productivity and safe operations. The GSMP Newsletter provides a means to reach out to all involved in maintenance and to foster a culture of positive change in maintenance practices within all companies interested in maintenance in the GCC.

We encourage you to distribute this newsletter to all interested in this topic. We also solicit your help to promote GSMP membership among your peers and associates to strengthen the growth of GSMP and firmly establish the maintenance and reliability profession in this region. Finally, I welcome your active participation in this newsletter with your contributions of articles, know-how and best practices to help this publication gain a high reputation and become a de facto source of reference and learning.

Gulf Society of Maintenance Professionals (GSMP) offers you:

- Periodic technical dinners that provide networking opportunities with peers as well as educational presentations.
- Educational workshops that offer an opportunity to regional professionals to sharpen their skills and exchange information with peers from various industries and countries in the region.
- Regional professionals will have the opportunity to acquire the internationally recognized CMRP qualifications (Certified Maintenance and Reliability Professionals).
- The biennial regional maintenance conference, Maintcon provides GCC maintenance professionals with a high quality technical program, relevant exhibits by regional and international companies, and educational workshops related to maintenance and reliability.

