

Summit to focus on energy-saving solutions

THE potential for saving energy, reducing maintenance and saving costs by adopting modern lighting technologies will be highlighted at the Middle East Smart Lighting and Energy Summit to be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, next month (September 26 and 27).

Organised by global conference producers Expotrade, the fifth edition of the summit will run at Jumeirah at Etihad Towers.

The two-day summit will feature a series of speaker sessions, panel discussions and case study presentations that will highlight topics pertaining to Abu Dhabi City Municipality's sustainable lighting strategy, energy-efficient lighting solutions creating smart living spaces, technologies and real projects of open smart streetlight solutions. Also in the limelight will be LED (light-emitting diode) as the preferred choice for large-scale projects, internet of things (IoT) combining with lighting for a digital

lighting era, natural light architecture, light pollution and the impact of street-light on natural environment, building future cities of the UAE with best quality of street lighting and the use of solar power in lighting.

Speakers include renowned experts Martin Valentine of Abu Dhabi City Municipality; Stephane Le Gentil of Etihad Esco; Paul Nulty of Nulty Lighting; Lee Barker-Field of Aecom; Paul Miles of LightTouch PLD; Dr Simon Hugh Miller of Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council and Gerald Strickland of Middle East Lighting Association (MELA). They will emphasise upon different energy-saving models and the developments in the lighting industry in the Middle East region.

In the UAE, the Abu Dhabi government has taken substantial measures in moving from conventional lighting systems to the installation of energy-efficient LED street lights across its city.

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Geofluid 'virtually sold out'

GEOFLUID 2016, an event focused on prospecting, extraction and transport of underground fluids, geo-technical, soil investigation and well drilling, special foundations and piling, trenchless technologies, tunnel excavation and underground works, is almost sold out, according to the organiser.

The event, which will take place from October 5 to 8 at the Piacenza Expo in Piacenza, Italy, will see more than 200 direct exhibitors on 23,000 sq m of exhibition space and over 250 brands represented. With over 30 international exhibitors confirmed and at least 2,500 foreign visitors expected, Geofluid is the most important meeting point for the European, American and Asian operators, said the organiser.

Hillhead show success for Terex

TEREX Washing Systems (TWS) showcased its latest products at the recent Hillhead Show, the world's largest working quarry show, held in Buxton, UK in June (28 to 30).

The 2016 Hillhead exhibition proved to be a major success for TWS due to the tremendous interest in its products, said the company. The show provided the stage for the world premiere of the Terex AggreScalp scalping unit, the Finesmaster UltraFines recovery system alongside the Terex AggreSand 206 washing system.

Experts to discuss corrosion issues

EXPERTS in the field of corrosion technology will discuss the latest innovations in anti-corrosion technologies at a major event in Saudi Arabia in November.

Fleming's fifth Annual Corrosion Management 2016 conference, taking place from November 28 to 29 in Al Khobar, will showcase and highlight all major aspects and areas of concern and the importance of safeguarding assets from any such occurrences.

The event will see key representation from Saudi Aramco, Arabian Gulf Oil Company, Petronas and Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic).

Judging panel for Taqdeer awards

DUBAI'S government has set up a judging committee for the inaugural Taqdeer Awards, which will focus on the construction sector this year.

Taqdeer is the world's first points-based award programme for recognising excellence in labour welfare practices.

The award judging committee, which will have Hussein Nasser Lootah, the director general of Dubai Municipality, as its president, comprises leaders from the government sector.

Winners of five and four-star ratings will receive a certificate, enjoy priority in government projects, and will be honoured at an awards ceremony.

\$3bn pools, spa market in limelight

THE MEA (Middle East and Africa) region's pools and spa market, valued at Dh11 billion this year (\$3 billion), will be in the spotlight when Piscine Middle East opens its doors at the Dubai World Trade Centre in Dubai, UAE, next month (September 17 to 19).

According to a Euromonitor International report, the UAE shares over 14 per cent of this market with a value of \$435 million. It also forecasts the MEA's spa market will grow by 21.6 per cent from 2015 until 2019.

Piscine Middle East, which brings the world's largest pool and spa supply event to the region, draws pool and spa professionals of all types. Co-located for the first time this year along with the show will be The Leisure Show, the only event dedicated to the leisure industry in the Middle East and Africa which is organised by dmg events.

Rabia Yasmeeen, research analyst at Euromonitor International, said: "The UAE hotels report 60 per cent of total spa visitors are residents who are not otherwise staying on the property. Hotels are now leasing spaces for more spa-related services as the demand increases."

The Global Wellness Institute (GWI) has previously identified Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa as the fastest growing spa markets in the world.

On the Piscine Middle East show floor, a 'Pool Vision' contest will award "beautiful" residential, tourism and leisure pools, alongside the "most innovative" pools across the region on the first day. The same evening, the Middle East Pool and Spa Awards (Mepsa) will return for its fourth edition with 17 award categories for 2016. In 2014, Piscine Middle-East welcomed 2,800 visitors and more than 100 different brands.