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Managing Volatility Theme for the 10th International Life Sciences Symposium

“Managing Volatility with agile and sustainable manufacturing solutions” will be the theme for the 10th International Life Sciences Symposium, organised by Rockwell Automation®, in Karlsruhe Germany, on June 17-19, 2009. The event is designed for decision makers and management of the Life Sciences industry involved in Research and Development, Clinical Supply, Manufacturing, Operation, Automation, Quality Management, Validation and Regulatory Compliance.

“Facing challenges such as the global economic downturn, increasing competition, the issues of sustainability and safety, and the increasing relevance of biotechnology, Life Sciences companies have never been under as much pressure to adapt and perform,” said symposium host Hedwig Maes, President EMEA, of Rockwell Automation. “As a result, this year’s anniversary symposium will concentrate on how companies are best managing this volatility, with shared experiences and best practices at the heart of the event.”

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Site visit on offer for the first time

For the first time, symposium attendees will be able to take a 2 hour site visit to the nearby manufacturing facilities of pharmaceutical company Dr. Willmar Schwabe, which researches and develops plant-based medicines and healthcare products. Visitors will see the manufacturing processes, starting from plant delivery through extraction to the pharmaceutical processes themselves. They will also learn how Schwabe benefits from an implemented and fully integrated MES solution at the company's manufacturing site for liquids. The MES solution features all aspects of Electronic Batch Recording, with a close integration into the facility's automated equipment, making the process virtually paperless.

Workshop on Mass Serialization

Running in parallel to the site visit will be a 3-hour workshop examining Mass Serialization for a Healthier Life Science Supply Chain. With drug counterfeiting becoming a major challenge for pharmaceutical companies and governments around the world and the impending ePedigree regulation, the workshop will look at the issues facing manufacturers. In addition, automation specialists Rockwell Automation, inspection systems specialists Cognex and high-speed printer manufacturers Wolke will present their combined Mass Serialization solution.

Throughout the event, other speakers from Life Sciences companies across the globe will also be drawing on their experiences. For example, representatives from Solvay Pharmaceuticals and Teva Pharmaceuticals will be turning their attention to the topics of Improving the Organization in an Economic Crisis and Laboratory Efficiency - A Key Element in Robust Supply-Chain.

Machine builders offer experience

Furthermore, four specialist manufacturing machine builders will be attending the symposium, making-up the critical third element of a successful Life Sciences manufacturing mix of automation technology, machine builders and pharmaceutical companies. As well as being available to demonstrate new technology and to discuss Life Sciences issues with attendees, a representative from Italian machine builder Imapack will be speaking on the challenges of implementing Six Sigma and learning from other industries.

Home of Rockwell Automation's Life Sciences and software experience

As the symposium is being held at Karlsruhe, home of Rockwell Automation Life Sciences Competency Centre and Software Development Campus, the company will also be taking the opportunity to demonstrate its latest suite of software applications to help pharmaceutical and biotechnology manufacturers integrate their production processes with the rest of the manufacturing enterprise. FactoryTalk® Pharma Suite is the first in a series of industry-specific software applications based on the FactoryTalk® Integrated Production and Performance Suite.

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Customers involved in solution development

And as usual, ahead of the symposium, Rockwell Automation will be holding its Customer Advisory Board meeting for Life Sciences customers. The semi-annual meetings provide a forum for customers to outline their future requirements for Rockwell Automation's solutions and to provide valuable input into the development process.

For further information about the Life Sciences Symposium visit:

<http://www.rockwellautomation.com/events/lssymposium/>

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