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Verband Güteschutz Horizontalbohrungen e.V. Association des Entrepreneurs de Forage Dirigé



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Members' Info - 11/2023:

Invitation to the 27th DCA Annual Congress 2023 - Leipzig **Registration - Hotel reservation**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Drilling Contractors Association (DCA) is holding its 27th Annual Congress this year, to which we would like to cordially invite you to Leipzig. From 04 to 06 October 2023, members, partners and friends of the DCA will meet at The Westin Hotel for interesting technical presentations and to exchange experiences.

The motto of the 27th Annual Congress is:

"The importance of HDD in the energy transition".

The event is supported by the following DCA members as sponsors:

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The 27th DCA Annual Congress will traditionally start on Wednesday with a guided tour of Leipzig. In the evening, after the dinner, a "Get Together" is planned in the Gusto Bar in the hotel. Thursday will again start with an interesting guest lecture. This year, the DCA was able to win the well-known geopolitical expert Ralf Schuster, who will speak on the topic "Geopolitics - an explanation for everything? Further expert lectures on the connection of the LNG terminal in Wilhelmshaven and on the topic of "Hydrogen - Infrastructure, Market Development and Expansion" are on the programme.

Instead of the DCA workshops on special topics related to HDD technology, a special panel discussion will now take place in 2023. The title of the panel discussion, which is divided into three blocks, is "Upcoming Challenges around HDD" - "What does the HDD industry expect from the upcoming projects in the course of the energy turnaround?".

The panel will be moderated by journalist Dr.In Antje Wöhnke and co-moderated by President Jorn Stoelinga. The panel discussion will be held in German and accompanied by simultaneous translation (German/English). Block 1 of the panel discussion will deal with the topic "Permitting, Access, , other things around the actual works". Block 2 will be on "Technical Aspects", before concluding with a discussion on "Personnel and Equipment" in Block 3.

On Friday, as is tradition, lectures on **current HDD projects from Europe** are again planned. The congress will again be accompanied by an attractive social programme. As always, the highlight of the social programme will be Thursday evening. This year, the DCA invites you to Leipzig's landmark, the Panorama Tower.

Due to the very good response in the course of the past annual congress and the overall limited capacity in the hotel in Leipzig, DCA members will generally have priority for registration until the registration deadline.

As last year, registration for the congress will be exclusively digital. Please note!

Please use for registration the following link.

https://dca-europe.org/dca-annualcongress-2023?lang=en

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There you will find the programme brochure, information on the companion programme, information for travelling and room booking and a separate hotel flyer. In the pdf. for "information for travelling and room booking" you will find also the **link for the room reservation** at the hotel Westin in Leipzig.

Registration for speakers/participants on the podium

Members giving a lecture at the annual congress or involving at the podium discussion (podium) will be contacted separately by the office. Registration via the portal is not necessary.

Registration for non-members will be activated at a later date, depending on the registration situation.

The registration deadline is 15th September 2023.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact our office in Aachen (contact: Dipl.-Geol. Antje Quante, a.quante@dca-europe.org,).

We look forward to welcoming you at our 27th annual congress in Leipzig and remain

With kind regards

Jorn Stoelinga President Dietmar Quante Executive Secretary