Auf dem Weg zum Klassiker

Geschäftsführer der Dechema: „Bioraffinerien haben das prinzipielle Problem, dass sie eines Rohstoffs bedürfen, der auch für die energetische Nutzung eingesetzt wird."

Dr. Kurt Wagemann

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Late last year NAMUR hosted its first Conference in China.

NAMUR comes to China

NAMUR — the international user association of automation technology in process industries — was founded in 1949 in Leverkusen, Germany. Since then, NAMUR has fostered the experience exchange among users of automation technology in the process industries and has promoted the interest of its member companies. In the past 60 years, all NAMUR activities have been mainly focused on Germany and neighboring countries, although the association had also significant international influence.

End of 2008, NAMUR decided to actively extend its activities to the Asian region. Many NAMUR member companies have established production facilities in this increasingly important region or are offering their engineering services there.

As a start for the activities in Asia, NAMUR hosted its first Conference in China on the 19 and 20 November 2009 in Shanghai. The motto of this Conference was “NAMUR comes to China”. It was meant as the starting point for an exchange of experiences between the users of automation technologies familiar with the specific overall conditions in the Chinese economic area.

The Conference was sponsored by Endress+Hauser which operates its own production and distribution in China and also made valuable contributions to the contents of the Conference.

“NAMUR comes to China” turned out to be a very successful event. With 88 participants, a lucky number in China, it exceeded all expectations of the organizing committee. Not only the number of participants was impressive: The Conference was also distinguished by extremely interesting contributions and open discussions that demonstrated the substantial interest of participants in an exchange of experience with colleagues. Both the presentations by employees of user companies and the discussions showed a high degree of application orientation.

One purpose of the conference was the identification of topics out of the “NAMUR-portfolio” with great potential for regular activities in working groups. The results of this survey formed the basis for the decision to establish several NAMUR-workgroups in China and thus lend structure to the exchange of experience. The main areas of interest in China and therefore the subject for the first workgroups are:

- Project Planning and Construction
- Maintenance
- DCS-Engineering
- Plant Safety
- Energy Saving
- Computer Aided Engineering (CAE)
- Explosion Protection

The activities will initially be hosted by subsidiaries of NAMUR member companies. However, the ultimate objective is to get the Chinese business community involved in this exchange of experience. This involvement is considered to be a crucial factor for the success of all NAMUR activities in China.

Following the enormous success of “NAMUR comes to China”, a NAMUR conference will also be held in China in November 2010.