

Dear Reader,

The problem of fire and explosion protection is omnipresent in bulk materials handling. A lot has been achieved in the area of prevention and protection over the past decades, but there are still numerous accidents taking place world-wide with the majority being avoidable by just using basic understanding of the problem. To further the awareness of fire and explosion risks and to provide a platform for the creation of a fundamental understanding of explosion protection requirements is the driving idea behind Index - the Intercontinental Association of Experts for Industrial Explosion Protection. The forthcoming 'Index Safety Congress' to be held at the Nuremberg Congress Centre, Germany in parallel with Powtech Exhibition on October 11th and 12th, will provide a good opportunity to learn about the latest developments in international explosion regulations and standards as well as in research and technology. I'll definitely make use of the occasion and look forward to seeing you there.



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#### Experts of Industrial Explosion Protection Meet in Nuremberg



The sequel of the successful Index Safety Congress (ISC) about industrial explosion protection takes place at Nürnberg Congress Centre (Exhibition Ground), Germany, on October 11 and 12, 2011 in parallel to the renowned Powtech Show. It is organized by Index, the German based association of experts for explosion safety. The ISC comprises both, scientific papers with the latest input on breakthroughs in R&D work and new developments in technical solutions and products.



#### Well Known Specialists, Live Demonstrations and Experimental Lectures

This year's highlights are lectures of international experts like Dr. Ashok Ghose Dastidar who will report about current US explosion regulations. The worldwide well known Swiss specialist Richard Siwek will present the latest developments in VDI and Europe wide EN Standards. Additionally, live demonstrations and experimental lectures complete the course of the event and make it a really informative and thrilling happening. Please note: The high quality of speakers as well as the wide range of delegates from different countries and all kinds of industries lead to a perfect platform for networking and exchange of ideas and experiences. But these are only a few highlights of the event.

#### Get in Touch with the Experts

Visit the congress, meet the experts, discuss and establish new business contacts. Congress language is English. However, a second screen displays all presentations also in German so that everybody easily understands even complex data. If you would like to get in touch with the experts, register now and learn more about industrial explosion protection. [more](#)

+++ Index Pioneer Award +++

#### Apply for the Index Pioneer Award

Supporting ideas for the development of new products or applications for industrial explosion protection is a main objective of Index. For the first time the association is presenting the Index Pioneer Award. If you have an idea for a future product or useful safety application, send a description to [info@ind-ex.info](mailto:info@ind-ex.info) and get the awarded 3000 Euro. During the Index Safety Congress 2011 a committee will grant the prize for the best submitted idea. Be one of the first and get some cash! [apply](#)

+++ Index Young Professional +++

#### Support for Fire and Explosion Protection Studies



Supporting young academics is one objective of Index. The global association of experts for industrial explosion protection is going to assist students professional and monetary during their bachelor or master thesis. [more](#)

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#### Explosion Protection for Accredited Experts



An explosion protection seminar for accredited experts was organized by the members of the international active association Index. [more](#)

+++ Explosion Protection for Insurers +++

#### Index Informed Insurance Companies About Latest Trends



Explosion protection experts of the international network Index had organized an event at Rembe in Brilon to inform insurance companies about new developments and the latest trends and philosophies regarding industrial explosion protection. [more](#)

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**Index Safety Symposium 2011  
on Industrial Explosion  
Protection**

28.09.2011  
Shanghai / PR China

This explosive symposium takes place in parallel to the IPB Show. It comprises presentations of state-of-the-art explosion protection solutions and concepts as well as scientific input on codes and standards. [more...](#)

What Is Index?

**Index is a global association, headquartered in Frankfurt Germany. Its objective is to achieve a worldwide harmonized level of industrial explosion protection.**

Safety first is many corporations aim but the way they try to achieve this is too often not in line with enforced regulations and standards. A platform is needed to create a common understanding of explosion protection. Index builds a Wikiplosion online intelligence, provides a library and many more to help raising the worldwide level of industrial safety.

And last but not least Index is a driver for new technology and innovative safety practices and products. Its research programme includes scientific work on e.g. water mist and other protection techniques.

Become a Member!

**Make sure you become a member soon and benefit from the excellent network!**

The last months were very successful for the association. A lot of explosion protection experts and some companies of continuous industrial sectors became new members.

The network grows rapidly. By now, the association includes members of industries like law firms, OEMs, a chair of methods of safety engineering and incident research, representatives of press and publishing, several manufacturers of safety equipment and consultants. [more...](#)