

WOOD-TEC 2017 will focus on automation and robotics

The 15th edition of the WOOD-TEC International Fair for Wood Processing and Furniture Industry will be held at the Brno Exhibition Centre from 31 October to 3 November 2017. This trade fair is the most important meeting of professionals in the woodworking and furniture industry in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The trade fair takes place with the support of the EUMABOIS European Association of Woodworking Machinery Manufacturers and additional Czech wood processing and furniture industry professional associations. Activities aimed at foreign visitors are being prepared in cooperation with the Association of Manufacturers of Woodworking Machines and Equipment. According to surveys, visitors are asking both for woodworking machines and components for furniture manufacturing.

WOOD-TEC 2017 has filled up two halls of the Brno Exhibition Centre and practically all brands of wood processing machines operating on the Czech and Slovak markets are represented. Exhibitors' displays are growing compared to the past years. Well-functioning economy and rising consumption also contribute to the good condition of the fair.

New concept of the supporting programme and an exhibit contest

For this year's edition, the WOOD-TEC organizers are preparing further innovation and enrichment. The supporting programme in the WOOD-TEC Arena will be divided into thematic blocks for the main groups of visitors. Key parts of the supporting programme are scheduled on Wednesday (Technology Day) and Thursday (Furniture Manufacturing Day) when the highest attendance is expected. The supporting programme will also focus on automation and robotics, which can help companies manage the increasing number of orders. On Friday, special programmes are being prepared for students of secondary vocational schools. On Tuesday, there will also be a purchasing workshop of the Association of Czech Furniture Manufacturers, and for the same day is being prepared an incoming mission of traders from Poland and Hungary.

The WOOD-TEC Award exhibit contest will take place this year for the very first time. The deadline for the registration of exhibits is set for 18 October; the competition will run in two categories identical to the main sectoral groups of the trade fair: wood processing machines and components for furniture manufacturing. Representatives of professional associations, specialist media and universities will sit in the evaluation juries. Participation in the contest is free of charge in 2017.

For additional information, please visit www.wood-tec.cz

