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### **A&T 2016 takes off!**

***Robotics, Metrology and Innovative Production Technologies are the key factors to the success of A&T's tenth edition: a future rich in competitive Innovation is coming.***

The numbers of A&T 2016 (Turin - Lingotto Fiere Center, 20/21 April 2016) underline an exponential growth of the exhibition focused on the competitive innovation in the manufacturing industry, and they confirm the positive impressions of all the exhibitors, who are extremely satisfied about the quantity and quality of the visitors:

**9313 visitors (+22%)**

**330 exhibitors (+6%)**

**Large exhibiting area (+14%)**

**1283 new products and services (+10%)**

**442 case histories (+17%)**

**38 events: Conferences, seminars, technical sessions**

Already a success story, as it's clear from the speeches of the Piedmont institutions (ICE, Piedmont Region, Confindustria Piemonte, Turin Chamber of Commerce, Politecnico of Turin) during the inaugural conference, on April, 20<sup>th</sup>. *"The robotics industry, in state of constant growth, - said Gianfranco Carbonato, president of Confindustria Piemonte and Prima Industrie - is strategic for the automation industry, and the city of Turin is a great choice, since this is the Robotics industry's Italian hometown and Piedmont is the Region that features the greatest number of installed robot at a national level. Besides the manufacturing sector, typical of the North-West of Italy, is full of potential consumers for the Automation industry, which in terms of exports is worth more than Clothing, Furnishings and Food put together."*

A&T ROBOTIC WORLD (the first Italian Robotics Industrial Fair) brought together, for the first time, all the main global robot manufacturers: ABB, COMAU, FANUC, KUKA ROBTER, SALDOBRAZ, TIESSE ROBOT – KAWASAKI, YASKAWA, ROBOTECO, STAUBLI, ALUMOTION. Some of them presented collaborative robots, 2016's hottest topic, able to work safely at the man's side: they will surely be widespread also in small and medium-sized companies.

The exhibition was the perfect stage to present a rich program of events: 9 Conferences, 18 Seminars e 11 Technical Sessions, focused on the themes of absolute actuality and extremely targeted on the concrete applications in manufacturing sector, for a competitive development. The interest shown by visitors towards the contents A&T 2016 is also made clear by the "sold out" recorded in several rooms, which forced the organization to suspend bookings on various conferences several days before the exhibition.

Among the events stands out the success of the XXX Congress of the calibration laboratories accredited, organized by ACCREDIA on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, which registered 400 participants. Filippo Trifiletti, Managing Director of ACCREDIA, commented with satisfaction the record of presences, that confirms the current

growth in the services of accredited certification, more and more "primary tools" for companies engaged in the competitive development.

A&T is consolidated therefore as leading trade fair, not only for the world of "Tests and Measurements", but also for the industrial Robotics sector, characterized by a watershed that puts it in more and more synergy with the innovative technologies of production.

A real industrial revolution that involves all the main sectors: automotive, mechanics, food, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, etc. The success of this tenth edition of the event placed in Turin, therefore, confirmed the interest of the technical decision makers and managers from manufacturing companies into an opportunity to present their needs and problems to leading experts and get tips, suggestions, genuine boosts for their competitive solution.

*"A special thank, from me and the whole A&T team, - stated Luciano Malgaroli, General Manager of A&T - goes to the protagonists of the success of this edition, especially to the exhibitors that brought their best technologies and experts, at the service of the thousands of visitors that were here. The Scientific Committee also played a very big role, by contributing to create a high-level program of events, strongly focused on technology transfer. We are already working together with the Technology Board, the representatives of the exhibiting companies and the Scientific Committee, to conceive a new project for the next edition, A&T 2017, with even more innovative and concretely applicable proposals!"*

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