

Valve World 2022: a retrospect

From 29 November to 1 December, the Valve World Conference & Expo 2022 was in full swing at Messe Düsseldorf. It was highly successful as a platform for bringing together experts within the industry from all over the globe.

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Chairman Ayo Kilani, Manager of Corporate Engineering at Nigeria LNG Ltd, gives his opening address.

After years of being unable to meet due to the pandemic, members from the valve industry were delighted to once again be able to meet face to face. Located at Messe Düsseldorf, the Valve World Conference & Expo 2022 was bursting with positive energy from all the enthusiastic exhibitors and delegates. For three days, conference delegates enjoyed interesting and technical panel discussions, presentations, and seminars. In-between sessions, delegates were able to experience demonstrations and networking on the Expo floor.

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“I enjoyed the conference very much; some good and interesting topics were discussed. And it was also good to re-connect with suppliers in the exhibition hall after Covid,” says Rob Hengst, Shell Global Solutions International.

An interesting and engaging programme

The Steering Committee was led by Conference Chairman Ayo Kilani from Nigeria LNG, and together they developed a programme that was both technical in nature, and engaging. “The

world has evolved since we last met in 2018. The content of the conference reflects the changes that have taken place in the last four years,” Ayo Kilani stated in his opening address. The mornings were kicked off with plenary sessions in which the speakers expertly discussed topics such as decarbonisation, the energy transition, lessons learned, and the importance of bringing young, fresh talent to the industry.

“As usual, the conference cycle was very good. In addition, I have the feeling that everybody was very happy to be present and this gave a good vibe,” says Bruno Martin, Technip Energies France.

The main topics for the sessions were:

- Digitalisation
- Additive manufacturing
- Predictive maintenance
- Fugitive emissions
- Severe service
- Hydrogen production
- Decarbonisation/renewables
- Valve design
- Sealing/packing
- Standardisation
- New technologies

Attendees were also able to join workshops with themes such as fugitive emissions, additive manufacturing, and IOGP. On day one, a panel discussion on decarbonisation was held. The great atmosphere was palpable, as the audience was engaged and was able to ask presenters informed and insightful questions, encouraging interesting discussions.

“ Particularly on the Expo floor it was wonderful to see a lot of younger folks: our next generation. I gained a lot of new insights and information from the conference sessions.” says Tony Smart, formerly of Shell.

Expo Forum

Conference delegates could step out of the conference halls and go down the escalators to enjoy the Expo floor. Two large halls were dedicated to valves and actuators of all sorts and sizes. Exhibitors made use of the opportunity to give demonstrations of their products and to display their latest technology. On days two and three of the event, exhibitors and delegates alike were invited to attend English-language presentations given at the Expo Forum, which was located in the middle of hall 3.



During the Valve World Expo, Emerson's DCmlink software was awarded the Valve Stars Award 2022 for Automation. Knut Riegel received the Award in the Industry4.0/ Automation category.



Tony Smart (formerly Shell), Alfred K (from Shell) enjoys an interesting presentation.



The presentations attracted lots of technical experts.



Adri Postema (IOGP) during his plenary session “Energy transition and repercussions for the work/scope of IOGP and equipment supply chain.”

Attendance was free of charge for anyone at the Expo. Topics ranged from the latest technologies to hands-on business strategies.

“ It all was very well organised, and I believe participants can look back on a valuable event,” says Adri Postema, IOGP.

Time to unwind

On the evening of the second day, a fire and ice-themed party was held to accommodate both excellent networking opportunities and a much-appreciated chance to unwind. After a delicious buffet, attendees were treated to a festive night full of music and dancing. All in all, Valve World Conference & Expo was a huge success and we are looking forward to what the future has in store for the valve industry.

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Valve World Europe will next be held from 3-5 December 2024 at Messe Düsseldorf. Join us for three days of valuable and exciting presentations, seminars, and networking opportunities.



MRC Global's Rob Saltiel is greeted by Chairman Ayo Kilani (NLNG) before hosting his plenary session "Navigating in an ever-changing market."



Aramco Europe's Dragos Chetroiu and Tricord Consulting's Bronson Pate waiting to give their plenary sessions.



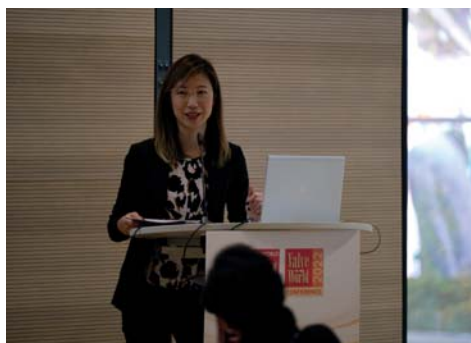
Event sponsor Emerson displayed advanced technology at their stand. Image: Messe Düsseldorf/ctillmann.



Valve World is an excellent place to encounter the latest technologies. Image: Messe Düsseldorf/ctillmann.



KITZ's Tomoko Kubota gave an interesting presentation on "Application for fluid control technology for H₂ networks stations."



Angeline Goh of Shell spoke on additive manufacturing.



Velan's Fadila Khelifaoui during her presentation on additive manufacturing. Image: Messe Düsseldorf/ctillmann.

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An engaged audience listens to Rob Saltiel's plenary session.
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Sergio Zaghen (Emerson), Willem-Jan Nuis (Mokveld Valves) and Danny Nichols (Rotork) during the session on hydrogen production.



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Event sponsor Neway's stand attracted a lot of interested attendees.
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