

2008 Technical Training Course: Hands-on training

Where can you find people from 21 countries at the same time? One answer would certainly be: "at Frankfurt Airport!" – but where else? Yes, at Elster! – we had an exciting time at this year's Technical Training Course. There were participants from 21 countries – from Australia and China through Russia to Europe and even as far as America; so we were able to span the entire world almost all in one go.

We met for this year's Technical Training Course at Elster in Mainz-Kastel, Germany, between 22 and 24 April 2008. The focus was entirely on hands-on training. The aim was to achieve a good mix of theoretical instruction and practical training.

We used the first day to present the company and the speakers. Discussions were predominantly about basic theoretical knowledge and the products' functions. The central topics were gas pressure control, mechanical metering, volume correction and data loggers, data tele-transmission, flow computers and ultrasonic metering.



Exchange of experiences amongst the specialists was fast and intensive, owing to the groups being very small. We were very pleased to see the good mix that came out of the fun had whilst learning, exchanging information during the events and the competent training.

The fun continued into the evening as well and we used the time to further discuss some technical questions and also enjoy a few pleasant hours with our worldwide gas specialists.

It was very important for us to allow the technicians from the Elster family to practise handling the devices safely and reliably. That is why we went straight into the practice phase on the second and third days of the seminar and examined our products in greater detail.

Working in small groups gave everyone the opportunity each to have a go at the equipment assembly exercises: e.g. replacing components or testing the parameterisation software for volume correctors, with direct assistance from our specialists.



Time and time again, we find that it is important to exchange information, to learn and to benefit from each other. This drives us all forward. We are looking forward to next year's hands-on training – to be held once again at the Elster production site in Mainz-Kastel, Germany.

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