

## International Technical Training Course 2009

# Fit for the future

“Fit for the future” was the motto of this year’s International Technical Training Course. The Elster representatives and product specialists, who convened in Mainz-Kastel from 1 – 18 June, had prepared an extensive programme.

With over 30 participants from 22 countries spanning 4 continents, we came together to study Elster’s products in detail, step by step. Under the guidance of the development engineers and product managers, we tested products ourselves, learned how devices work and which opportunities they offer. Future-oriented themes were discussed collectively.

On the first day, we started with the theoretical side of things at the Information and Training Centre. We talked about the selected products, in particular the new device specifications.

Over the next few days, we split up into smaller working groups to take an in-depth look into the matter. Installation and commissioning as well as the areas



of application of the product were tested. It quickly became apparent that working in small groups was the right approach in order to use time effectively during the training course. We were able to cover the entire product range: gas pressure regulators, mechanical measuring technology, turbine and rotary gas meters, volume corrector EK 220, the gas-net models, flow computer 2000 and ultrasonic gas measurement.

Other subject areas were the couplings from the Perfection product range and the

product innovations in the field of smart metering.

The training course brought about an important exchange of cross-country experiences. It also had to be enjoyable, of course, and after a hard day’s training and working, we spent some great moments together. One of the highlights was, for example, our boat trip along the Rhine from Bingen to Loreleyfelsen (The Rock of Loreley) on a beautiful summer evening. The unique scenery of hills and castles amidst the sloping vineyards in the

Middle Rhine Valley, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will certainly remain in our memories. A few very sporty participants also made the most of the opportunity of taking part in the J. P. Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge in Frankfurt on the Main.

The enjoyable and exciting days flew by. We can now already promise you that there will be another rewarding training event with many new highlights next year.

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