

**October 7 and 8, 2014 – Stuttgart Hotel Maritim
European Lift Congress**



Every two years the Technische Akademie Heilbronn organizes the European Lift Congress, this year for the sixth time on October 7 and 8 in Stuttgart's Hotel Maritim. This year the city of Stuttgart has been chosen as the congress venue to allow participants to pay a visit to the Institut für Fördertechnik und Logistik (IFT) of the Stuttgart university. For many years the IFT's rope research department has been doing basic rope engineering research which is e.g. also applied in the dimensioning of elevator ropes and their optimisation. Many elevator rope experts such as Prof. Feyrer, Dr. Molkow, Prof. Vogel and Dr. Wolf who have been involved in numerous IFT research programs the time they were working in the institute, have a reputation in the elevator industry. This year once again the congress organizers have set up an interesting program with high-ranking speakers. Thanks to the ideational support by the European Lift Association ELA, the two German manufacturer associations VDMA and VFA as well as the association of technical inspection organizations VdTÜV this year's congress again promises to be an excellent forum for a lively exchange of information and experience that will attract many participants.

This year's congress will focus on current topics and developments in the field of product liability, codes and standards, environmental protection, analysis methods and technical innovations. Program details were already published in lift magazines. Half a day is reserved to explain the essential technical modifications included in the new standards EN 81-20 and EN 81-50. Well-known elevator industry experts closely involved in the work needed to devise these standards will be available for a panel discussion to answer questions of congress participants. For all elevator and component manufacturers and for other interested specialists of inspection organizations, consultancy companies, building constructors, operators and authorities this part of the congress offers the possibility to gather a lot of information on the contents and application of the new standards and discuss unsolved issues or unclear items.

The congress venue is the elegant Hotel Maritim in downtown Stuttgart which can easily be reached by air, train and car. Stuttgart is located in an industrial centre marked by companies like Daimler, Porsche and Bosch. The city is nevertheless surrounded by a green belt and vineyards and offers numerous opportunities for cultural and touristic visiting and sight-seeing tours. During the congress the Cannstatter Volksfest takes place which together with the Oktoberfest of Munich is one of the largest and most attractive public festivals in the world.

A number of Hotel Maritim rooms have been reserved for congress participants which until August 20 can be booked using code ELCH2014. In view of the Canstatter Volksfest an early booking is highly recommended.

For further information on the congress see: www.tah.hs-heilbronn.de