



Pneurop celebrates its 50th anniversary as a European association

Pneurop is the European committee of manufacturers of compressors, vacuum pumps, pneumatic tools and air & condensate treatment equipment, representing more than 200 manufacturers in 8 EU Member States, Switzerland and Turkey. The European market turnover for the business represented exceeds 20 billion euro. For many years the association has cooperated closely with the Compressed Air and Gas Institute (CAGI) in the USA.

Pneurop speaks on behalf of its members in European and international forums regarding the harmonisation of technical, normative and legislative developments. Its business is one of the most important subsectors of the mechanical engineering industry. Its technology is at the heart of many basic processes in the medical, industrial and chemical sectors.

Pneurop is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It held an informal celebration on the occasion of its annual plenary meeting which was hosted by the Turkish member (MIB) in Istanbul from 21 to 24 May 2008 (see photo below). During the plenary meeting, delegates from member associations and companies from all over Europe were informed about EU technical legislative developments, the latest ISO/CEN standardisation projects and the progress of work in the Pneurop committees. A delegation from CAGI gave a report on its work. The festivities will continue with a conference followed by a reception at the Bibliothèque Solvay in Brussels on 6 November. Invitations will be sent to representatives of EU institutions, European stakeholders and industry associations, Pneurop member associations and company delegates.

The conference will address past developments and the future outlook for the European compressed air equipment industry and its association, innovative solutions in terms of environmental protection and energy efficiency, and highlights of the longstanding cooperation with the US Compressed Air and Gas Institute (CAGI).

At the reception following the conference, demonstration desks will show applications of the industry equipment and work undertaken in the association's working committees.

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