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CLOSING REPORT

Excellent atmosphere, strong international presence: Chillventa 2022 a complete success

The pleasure of meeting again, top-class discussions, first-class industry knowledge and new insights for the future of the international refrigeration, AC & ventilation and heat pump sector: That sums up the past three days at the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg. Chillventa 2022 attracted 843 exhibitors from 43 countries and again over 30,000 trade visitors, who finally had the opportunity to discuss innovations and trending themes on-site and in person after an absence of four years. Many highlights in the supporting programme rounded out this successful industry gathering. On the day prior to the exhibition, the Chillventa CONGRESS, with 307 participants, also impressed the professional community both on-site and online via live stream.

A great success for exhibitors, visitors, and organizers: That sums up Chillventa 2022 nicely. Petra Wolf, Member of the Executive Board of NürnbergMesse, comments: "We are extremely pleased with more than just the numbers for what has been first live industry meeting in four years. Above all, it was the excellent atmosphere in the exhibition halls! So many different people from all kinds of countries, and yet they all had one thing in common, wherever you looked: The enthusiasm on the faces of exhibitors and visitors alike. As an industry with vast potential for the future, there were many important things to discuss. Chillventa is, and will continue to be, the trend barometer and the most important event worldwide for the refrigeration sector, including the AC & ventilation and heat pump segments."

High-calibre visitor structure once again

Over 56 percent of the 30,511 visitors to Chillventa came to Nuremberg from all over the world. The quality of the trade visitors, in particular, was impressive as usual: Round about 81 percent of the visitors were directly involved in the purchasing and procurement decisions in their businesses. Nine of ten were happy with the range of products and services, and over 96 percent will participate again in the next Chillventa. "This super commitment is the greatest compliment for us," says Elke Harreiss, Executive Director Chillventa, NürnbergMesse. "From manufacturers to plant operators, dealers, designers, architects and tradespeople, everyone was there once again." Kai

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Halter, Chair of the Chillventa Exhibition Committee and Director Global Marketing at ebm-papst, is also pleased: "Chillventa was outstanding this year. We're looking forward to 2024!"

Exhibitors very keen to return

This positive outlook was also reinforced by the independent exhibitor poll. With their range of products and services for all aspects of refrigeration, AC & ventilation and heat pumps for use in commerce and industry, the top international players and innovative start-ups in the sector were already providing answers to the questions of tomorrow. The majority of the exhibitors came from Germany, Italy, Turkey, Spain, France and Belgium. 94 percent of exhibitors (measured by area) regard their participation at Chillventa as a success. 95 percent were able to forge new business contacts and expect post-show business from the event. Even before the exhibition was over, 94 of the 843 exhibitors said they would exhibit again at Chillventa 2024.

Professional community impressed by extensive supporting programme

Another good reason for visiting Chillventa 2022 was the even greater variety in the top-quality accompanying programme compared to the previous event in the series. "More than 200 presentations – even more than in 2018 – were laid on over four days for participants in the Chillventa CONGRESS and the forums, providing perfectly tailored industry knowledge and the latest information," says Dr Rainer Jakobs, technical consultant and technical programme coordinator for Chillventa. "The focus was on subjects such as sustainability, the refrigerant transition challenge, REACH or PEFAS, and large-scale heat pumps and high-temperature heat pumps, and then there were the new insights into air-conditioning for data centres." The new forum "A practical guide to digitization for craftspeople", emphasized on using digitalization to improve efficiency, productivity, and revenue in the trades. Practitioners from actual businesses in this field provided an insight into their real-life workflows.

Further highlights in the supporting programme were the newly created Job Corner, which provided an opportunity for employers and qualified skilled workers to meet; two special presentations on the subjects of "Heat pumps" and "Handling flammable refrigerants"; and professionally guided tours with various key themes. "This year, we had two super competitions at Chillventa," comments Harreiss. "Not only were awards presented to the best young refrigeration plant manufacturers in the Federal Skills Competition, but we

also hosted the world championships for the professions for the first time, the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition. Congratulations to the winners in the Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Systems field.”

Next stop: European Heat Pump Summit 2023

The next highlight on the event calendar for heat pump professionals will be on **24 and 25 October 2023**: the European Heat Pump Summit at the Nuremberg exhibition venue: **www.hp-summit.de**

Save the date: Chillventa 2024

The next Chillventa will take place in the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg from **8 to 10 October 2024**. The day before, on **7 October 2024**, the Chillventa CONGRESS will launch the event week for the international refrigeration, AC & ventilation and heat pump community.

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