



Press Release

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The PMR conference will put the emphasis on communication in crises, critical infrastructure and energy supply

In a crisis, the protection of human life and critical infrastructure (KRITIS) such as power supplies, transport networks, telecommunications and the internet depend on professional communications systems. Communication in crises and critical infrastructure will therefore be taking centre stage again at the PMR Conference, part of PMRExpo 2015. As an example, the conference will also link the subject of critical infrastructure to power supplies and also offer presentations on the communications needs of energy utilities, and solutions for them. "Communication in crises between evidence and resilience - Principles and Perspectives" will be the subject introduced by Prof. Dr. Georg Ruhrmann, Director of the Institute of Communication Research at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, to launch the PMR Conference on 24 November.

Discussion on IT security for critical infrastructure

Also taking place on the opening day of the conference will be a panel discussion on IT security for critical infrastructure, featuring Arne Rajchowski, IT Manager, German Federal Association of the Energy and Water Industries (BDEW), Robert Tech, Managing Director of Assecor GmbH, and Edgar Schmid, a committee member of PMeV, the professional mobile radio association. The discussion will be chaired by Phil Kidner of TETRA and the Critical Communications Association (TCCA). On the second day of the conference, 25 November, a presentation entitled "Critical infrastructure and energy supply" will form a link with the target group of energy utilities. The speaker will be Josef Lorenz, programme manager at IABG Industrieanlagen-Betriebsgesellschaft mbH.

Communication needs and solutions for energy utilities

The wide range of corporate challenges and solutions for utilities is reflected by the presentations on communications requirements and solutions for them. Dr. Kai Daniel, who is responsible for new technologies/projects at RWE Deutschland AG and chairman of the expert "control functions" team of the VDE network technology/network operation committee, will report on "communications and system requirements in the smart grid", while Roland Beissert, managing director of CAx soft GmbH, will deliver a field report on the "Berlin grid":

medium-tension grid automation in a city environment". How two local energy utilities optimise their communications by cooperating will be illuminated by the presentation on the joint integrated communications network for municipal authorities, using the example of Karlsruhe and Ettlingen (Germany). The speaker in this case will be Klaus Gräser, managing director of Blickle & Scherer Kommunikationstechnik GmbH & Co KG.

Presentations at the PMR Conference will be simultaneously interpreted into English and German.

The PMR Conference at PMRExpo:

Tuesday, 24 November 2015, 10.30 to 16.00 hrs, Offenbachsaal

Wednesday, 25 November 2015, 10.00 to 16.00 hrs, Offenbachsaal

Visit www.pmrexpo.de for up-to-date information on the trade fair and programme.

***PMRExpo**, an international trade fair for Professional Mobile Radio and control centres, will now take place for the 15th time. Koelnmesse has been its home since 2009. A large number of national and international exhibitors are attending, e.g. manufacturers, users and operators of professional mobile radio systems. The German Association for Professional Mobile Radio (PMeV) is the ideal sponsor of PMRExpo. The organiser is EW Medien und Kongresse GmbH, Frankfurt am Main*

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