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Trade Fair for Sanitary, Heating, Air Conditioning and Digital Building Management

SHK ESSEN puts indoor hygiene in the spotlight

Almost 30 presentations on drinking water hygiene, air hygiene and pollutants/asbestos

Around 400 exhibitors will present their products and trade fair innovations at SHK ESSEN from 6 to 9 September 2022 at Messe Essen. With the 6th German Indoor Hygiene Forum of the SHK NRW trade association, the leading event for hygiene and living in indoor spaces will also be held under the umbrella of the trade fair. Air hygiene, drinking water hygiene and pollutants are the focal points of the approximately 30 German-language lectures and accompanying exhibition in Hall 6 (Stand 6J17). Part of this is the drinking water meeting point of the Federal Association of Companies in the Gas and Water Industry - figawa.

"Alongside the heat turnaround and sustainable sanitary trends, indoor hygiene is one of the most important topics for the HVAC sector. Craftsmen, planners and architects will find out what is important for everyday work at the 6th German Forum on Indoor Hygiene at SHK ESSEN - from energy efficiency and hygiene in drinking water and ventilation systems to the renovation of fire dampers contaminated with asbestos. The exhibition and lectures are directly oriented to the requirements in HVAC practice", explains Hans-Peter Sproten, General Manager in the SHK NRW trade association, which is also the conceptual sponsor of the Essen trade fair.

Lecture program now online

The lectures are divided into the blocks drinking water, air and pollutants/asbestos, participation is free of charge and possible without registration. In the case of drinking water, for example, the topics will include hygiene in technical systems from a laboratory perspective (Dr. Hans Ulrich Dahme, Eurofins Umwelt Nord), drinking water hygiene and preventive health care (Dr. Christiane Schreiber, Carela) and decentralized water supply with electronic fittings (Martin Liese-Flügel, Conti Sanitärarmaturen). In the field of air, speakers will address, among other things, the contribution of residential ventilation to the heat transition (Oliver Fiedel, Viessmann Heizsysteme), the influence of a ventilation system on indoor air quality (Christoph Scholte, Zehnder Group Germany), residential ventilation for optimal indoor air and



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indoor hygiene (Michael Lange, Maxxxcomfort), and hygienic ventilation for retrofitting in schools and offices (Henning Schulz, Stiebel Eltron).

Even though they have been banned since 1993, asbestos-containing materials continue to occupy the trade to this day. In addition to health risks, this also involves possible liability issues in the event of improper handling of the material, which is still present in numerous buildings. At the German Indoor Hygiene Forum, speakers will provide information on the relevance of asbestos in buildings for HVAC companies (Dr. Peter Kunzendorf, GSA Ratingen), solutions for legally compliant handling of asbestos in the HVAC sector and the protection of employees and companies when handling asbestos (Holger Stenkamp, SHK NRW trade association).

Accompanying exhibition with products and innovations from the industry

Official experts in the HVAC trade will get their money's worth on Friday afternoon. From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the lecture program with a focus on drinking water is aimed specifically at them. Among other things, the four lectures will focus on the latest developments in risk assessment and the applicable regulations.

Interested trade fair visitors will find the complete lecture program online under "Program & Expert Forums" at www.shkessen.de. In addition to the lectures, visitors to the German Indoor Hygiene Forum and Drinking Water Meeting Point can expect to see the latest products and innovations in an accompanying exhibition.