



SPECIALIZED FORUM «PATON EXPO 2010»

On June 1–3, 2010 the traditional specialized industrial forum «PATON EXPO 2010» was held at «KievExpoPlaza» Exhibition Center. The Forum included the following exhibitions: «Welding. Related Technologies», «Pipeline Transportation», «Non-Destructive Testing», which were organized by TC «E. O. Paton Electric Welding Institute» of the NAS of Ukraine and «Association OKO» with the support of the NAS of Ukraine, companies «Naftogaz Ukrainy», «Ukrtransgaz», Association of Industrial Armature Engineering of Ukraine, and Society of Welders of Ukraine. Forum sponsor was «Technology Transfer Center Ltd.» of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute.



B.E. Paton, President of the NAS of Ukraine, General Director of STC «E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute», O.T. Draganchuk, Director of MSMA Research Institute, N.V. Zasulsky, President of Kiev Chamber of Commerce, as well as representatives of Chambers of Commerce of a number of foreign countries, N.A. Androshchuk, Executive Director of Association of Industrial Armature Engineering of Ukraine, V.G. Fartushny, President of the Society of Welders of Ukraine, M.V. Bekker, Chief Engineer of «Ukrtransgaz», Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy and India in Ukraine participated in the Opening Ceremony.

Displays of about 50 companies from Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Austria, Italy and Poland were on show in the three exhibitions. Exhibitors of «Welding. Related Technologies» Exhibition included the booths of PWI, PWI DB, two pilot plants (PPWE and PPWC), STC «Seproz», known manufacturers of welding equipment and consumables, such as Fronius-Ukraine, DONMET Plant of Autogenous Equipment, Zont, Fronius Electrode, Binzel Ukraine, Zaporozhsteklodyly, etc.



Participants of «Non-Destructive Testing» Exhibition included «Association OKO», uniting leading local developers and manufacturers of NDT means (UkrNIINK, Ultrakonservis and Promprilad), and ONIKO which is the official representative of GE Inspection Technologies, Magnaflux, AGFA and SONY companies in Ukraine.

Achievements of Italian enterprises were presented in Mipa Italy booth (production of equipment for arc welding and thermic cutting, stainless and aluminium welding wires and rods, as well as flux-cored wires).

Scientific-Technical Conference «Integrated Approach to Solving the Problems of Non-Destructive Testing of the Main Pipelines, Pipeline Fittings: Technology of Diagnostics, Welding, Surfacing, Repair» was held within the framework of the Forum.



In conclusion it should be noted that the annual «Welding. Related Technologies» Exhibition traditionally is the main profile exhibition in Ukraine. During three days its visitors could become familiar with modern developments and range of manufactured specialized equipment and consumables.

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