



## XVI INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL FORUM

On November 21–24, 2017, the XVI International Forum was held in Kiev at the International Exhibition Center. Starting from 2005, the Forum has been included into

the list of leading world industrial exhibitions, officially certified and recognized by UFI — the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry. Every year it confirms its status of the most significant event in Ukraine on machine-building topics.

Some statistics:

- 337 enterprises took part in the event;
- 29 world countries presented their technologies and equipment;

- Total exposition space was 17000 m<sup>2</sup>;

- 10500 specialists attended the Forum.

International Industrial Forum included specialized industrial exhibitions in the field of metalworking, machine-building and related industries, as well as an extensive program of research and practical conferences, seminars and presentations of Forum participants.

The list of exhibitions included:

- METALWORKING (metalworking technologies, equipment);

- UKRUSEDTECH (brokerage appliances, equipment);

- UKRFOUNDRY (foundry equipment and technologies);

- UKRWELDING (technologies, equipment and materials);

- HYDRAULICS. PNEUMATICS;

- BEARINGS (rolling, sliding bearings, loose parts: balls, rollers, clamping sleeves, technologies, equipment and tools for bearings manufacture);

- UKRPROMAUTOMATION (industrial automation, CAM systems, automation of industrial facilities);

- HOISTING AND TRANSPORTATION, STOREHOUSE EQUIPMENT;

- SPECIMENS, STANDARDS, TEMPLATES, INSTRUMENTS (controlling and measuring instruments, laboratory and testing equipment, metrology, certification);

- INDUSTRIAL SAFETY (protection means, working area safety).

Leading industrial enterprises of Ukraine, as well as companies from the CIS and foreign countries participated in the exhibition.

In UKRWELDING exposition about 60 companies demonstrated their products, including those from Turkey (2), China (2), Czech Republic (1), Belarus (1), Ireland (1) and Ukraine (53). The following Ukrainian companies took part in the exhibition: Aramis, Vistec, Vitapolis, Donmet, Tekhmash, Zont, Idel, Navko-Tekh, Sumy-Electrode, Fronius Ukraine, Binzel Ukraine and many others.

The booth of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute Publishing House attracted a lot of interest of exhibition visitors and participants. It displayed «The Paton Welding Journal», «Technical Diagnostics and Nondestructive Testing», «Sovremennaya Elektrometallurgiya» journals, as well as books, conference proceedings and thematic collections on welding and related technologies.

In addition to functioning of the main Forum expositions, scientific-technical conferences, seminars and presentations were conducted for three days. Scientific-practical conference «Present-Day Problems of Welding Industry», organized by Welders' Society of Ukraine and the conference, organized by the Ukrainian Society for Non-Destructive Testing and Technical Diagnostics, aroused particular interest.

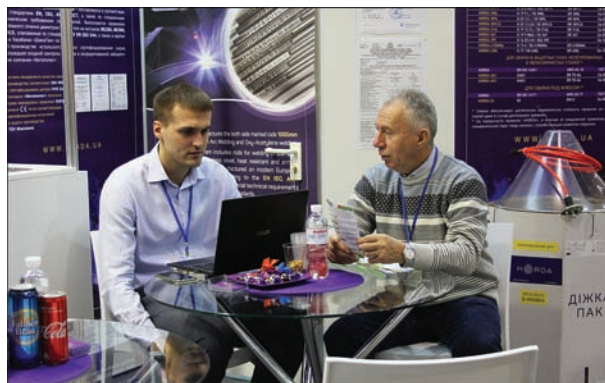
Summing up we should note active attendance of the exhibition, great diversity in the design of the



Address by S.I. Kubyi, First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine at China-Ukraine Science, Technology and Innovation Exhibition



Opening ceremony of «Innovation Forum»



At Vitapolis booth



At Binzel Ukraine booth



At Fronius Ukraine booth

booths and their information content. In the opinion of exhibition participants and visitors, the Forum in 2017 exceeded all expectations: clearly there is progress in the field of innovative proposals from exhibitors and increased interest of visitors to the exposition.

II International Forum «Innovation Market» — technologies of the future today under the motto of «Science-Business-Power» was held in parallel with the Industrial Forum on the same days. This is already the second meeting of innovators, local and foreign investors and businessmen, representatives of the authorities for combining their efforts in development of innovation market in Ukraine. The Forum was held under the patronage of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and with the support of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, the Ministry of Education and Science, the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and CSTEK — the Chinese Center for the Exchange of Scientific and Technological Information. The International Exhibition Center was the chief administrator.

The objective of the Forum is demonstration of the best innovations in all the spheres of economy of Ukraine, and attracting investments for their in-

roduction. The Forum brought together almost 220 exhibitors — universities, research institutes, manufacturing companies, Start-up projects of Ukraine, as well as leading research institutions and manufacturing companies of China. Speakers and experts participating in the event included such well-known names as Ch. Whitehead (USA), Prof. of Business Law, and Director of «Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship» Program of Cornell University, G. Olsen (USA) — scientist and entrepreneur, world's third space tourist, T. Catran — developer of Startup ecosystems, and other experts known in their fields. Heads of Ukrainian government, leading ministries and specialized committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine also participated in the Forum activities.

It should be specially mentioned that China-Ukraine Science, Technology and Innovation Exhibition was held within the Forum. More than 90 leading institutions and manufacturing companies of China participated in it, including E.O. Paton Chinese-Ukrainian Institute of Welding. Ukrainian-Chinese Round Table for young entrepreneurs was also held, as well as Forum of Ukrainian-Chinese cooperation.

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