



Peter Will of MEILLER Aufzugtüren welcomes participants in Munich

Four component manufacturers well-known in the lift industry: Meiller Aufzugtüren, Algi Hydraulik Systeme, Danfoss, and Kollmorgen Steuerungstechnik once again held a series of lift forums this year. The events were held in Munich at the Meiller company headquarters, Utrecht in Holland (two events) and Cologne, as well as in London and Manchester in England, and Hamburg and Eltville, at the headquarters of Algi Hydraulik Systeme.

A lift forum is an event to which lift manufacturers, planners and operators from the local region are invited to hear presentations by component manufacturers. These are then followed by discussions and conversation between all those present.

Once again, the four organisers brought a number of working exhibits along with them, which generated plenty of attention in the breaks between the presentations.

The interest shown by lift manufacturers, planners and operators was great – just like 2016 –, with a total count of more than 400 participants.

In addition to the interesting presentations by the four firms, there were of course plenty of practical demonstrations of the items on display, accompanied by all manner of questions, which led to some very interesting discussions.

Meiller Aufzugtüren opened the proceedings with its presentation “MiDrive – The New Intelligent Door Drive System”. The presentation went into detail regarding the door drive system’s many innovative features, in particular, the significantly simpler door commissioning procedure enabled by the use of QR codes.

From the middle of the year, a short presentation of the latest product was added: “RepKit – The Fast and Simple Solution for Replacing a Defective Door Drive”.

This was followed by a report from Harald Giehl of ALGI Hydraulik Systeme entitled: “Generation 2 / AZRS High-Efficiency Regulated Control Block with a New Measuring System and New Control Chart”. Harald Giehl pointed out the main benefits of this brand-new product, comprising optimised travel comfort, extended pressure areas, reduced block diversity, reduced noise generation and improved energy balance.



Lars Kollmorgen giving his presentation

After a break for lunch, Michael Müller from Danfoss opened the second session with a talk entitled “Danfoss VLT – Solutions for Lifts and Escalators” . He began with a brief introduction to the Danfoss company before going on to speak about frequency inverters and associated products made by his company that are designed for both traction and hydraulic lifts.

Finally, Lars Kollmorgen from the firm Kollmorgen Steuerungstechnik posed the question:

“The Cloud. A New Marketing Opportunity?” He presented the digital portfolio that Kollmorgen already offers and pointed out the requirements presented by lift builders and maintenance firms on the one hand and lift operators on the other. These requirements form the basis of decisions on how to deal with data, and how it should be handled in future.

All the participants in the eight lift forums responded enthusiastically, not only because of the selection of topics but also regarding the composition of the participant groups, and they gladly agreed to attend the next events in the coming years.



Interesting display items, including these from Algi and Danfoss