GlobalSpec Medical Equipment Design Online Trade Show and Event Draws More Than 1,100 Attendees

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The "Medical Equipment Design" online trade show and event on March 7 hosted by GlobalSpec drew more than 1,100 participants, with 80 percent of attendees reporting they are decision makers within their organizations. The free virtual conference is now available on demand to give engineers and industrial professionals easy access to educational presentations and industry-leading supplier resources from the live-day event.

GlobalSpec's "Medical Equipment Design" event provided educational opportunities to learn about the latest advances and developments in the areas of medical grade materials and products; electrical and electronic equipment; computers, imaging, and software; plus home healthcare and diagnostics. Attendees also had the chance to share ideas and gain knowledge from industry experts and suppliers to the medical manufacturing and design industry.

Industrial professionals were able to take advantage of learning and networking opportunities from the convenience of their desktops, without having to budget for travel expenses or lose time away from the office.

"Our Medical Equipment Design event was a unique opportunity for attendees to hear from speakers and interact with some of the leading suppliers about the latest technologies in this industry," said Donna Lewis, vice president of e-publishing and e-events for GlobalSpec.

"For our exhibitors, this was powerful forum to showcase their products, innovations and technologies in front of a highly engaged and captivated audience." Speakers and topics at the event included: -- Producing Cost-Effective Precision Components: Metal Stamping and Laser Welding - This presentation focused on how combining metal stamping with laser welding can produce precise medical device components with complex requirements through a cost-effective and efficient manufacturing process. Attendees learned about design considerations and material characteristics, with a special focus on in-die laser welding. Presented by Peter Pinsak, Stamping Design Manager, Weiss-Aug Co. and Tom Sheridan, Manager of Stamping Operations, Weiss-Aug Co.

-- A Developer's/Manager's Guide to RTOS Selection for Medical Applications - Medical device developers are confronted with claims that safety-critical and/or open source software is essential for such developments. This presentation addressed these claims and issues based on 1,900 respondents to detailed surveys. Having brought over 20 products through the 510k process, the speaker presented a common sense and data-based approach. Presented by Dr. Jerry Krasner, Vice

President, Embedded Market Forecasters and American Technology International -- Leveraging Software Separation for Safe Medical Devices - Medical device manufactures must balance demand for new features like advanced graphics, wireless communications, and management of patient information, while ensuring device reliability and safety, and getting their products to market in a timely fashion. This presentation examined a software architecture that leverages software separation to manage the increasing complexity of software in today's medical devices and do it safely. Presented by Joe Fabbre, Director, Platform Solutions, Green Hills Software -- Recent Advancements in Nanopositioning -Nanopositioning is the art and science of moving objects and performing tasks on a sub-submicron scale. It has emerged from advanced laboratory applications to become central to mission-critical industrial processes across many fields.

This presentation reviewed some of the very latest enabling advancements in this burgeoning field. Presented by Scott Jordan, Director, NanoAutomation(R) Technologies, Physik Instrumente (PI) -- Clinical Problems and Technological Solutions - the Anesthesia Example -Anesthesia used to be dangerous. Careful assessment of risks led anesthesiologists to understanding the dangers. Thought and discussion among anesthesiologists led to solution ideas to develop, study and publish. Insightful medical device corporations then turned these ideas into products that have reduced the danger of anesthesia by 99%. Presented by Dr. James H. Philip MEE MD CCE, Anesthesiologist & Dir Anes Bioengineering, Brigham & Women's Hos., Assoc Prof Harvard Med School, Philip Medical Ventures, Inc.

Companies exhibiting at this event included: Interpower Corporation; Newark / element14; Ultralife Corporation; ACE Controls Inc.; Alconox, Inc.; Alpha Wire; Control Plastics, Inc.; Hamilton Co.; and Weiss-Aug Co., Inc.

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