

**Trade show and event season is upon us.** This issue we feature several upcoming shows that are extremely important in terms of mechanical power transmission components and the technology of motion control.

First up is **Pack Expo Las Vegas**, which takes place September 11–13 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. This show, focusing on the packaging and material handling industries, is always full of exhibits featuring the latest technology in gear drives, gearmotors, bearings, automation and much more. The event organizers promise that this will be the largest Pack Expo in history, with nearly a million square feet of exhibit space. You can learn more at packexpolasvegas.com or read Senior Editor Matt Jaster's article on page 30.

I'm also pleased to say that Senior Editor Aaron Fagan will be attending this year's **International Conference on Gears**, organized by VDI and held at the FZG facility in Garching, Germany (*vdiconference.com/event/international-conference-on-gears*), where more than 120 technical papers will be presented on all aspects of gear design, manufacture and R&D. If you happen to be going to the conference, please make a point of saying hello to Aaron!

Next up is the **Turbomachinery and Pump Symposia** (*tps.tamu.edu*), which takes place September 26–28 at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center. TPS is a great annual event for anyone in the oil & gas, wastewater, petrochemical and other industries featuring large rotating equipment and pumping systems. In fact, we'll be exhibiting at the show, in booth #1501, so we hope you'll come see us there. In the meantime, don't miss Senior Editor Aaron Fagan's preview article on page 18.

And, of course, we're working very hard putting the finishing touches on our plans for AGMA's Fall Technical Meeting (October 16–18) and Motion + Power Technology Expo (October 17–19) at Detroit's Huntington Place (see our article on p. 38). All of our editors will be at MPT Expo, as well as many other members of the AGMA and AGMA Media teams.

At MPT Expo, we're putting on a Live edition of our popular "Ask the Expert" feature in booth #3136. We'll have four one-hour sessions with discussions on:

- The Future of Gear Manufacturing (Tuesday, 10/17 @ 10:30)
- Gear Manufacturing for Electric Vehicles (Tuesday, 10/17 @ 2:30)
- Automation for Job Shops (Wednesday, 10/18 @10:30)
- Solving the Skilled Workforce Challenge (Wednesday, 10/18 @2:30)

These interactive sessions will each feature a panel of three to four experts, and audience participation is strongly encouraged!

Our team's travel schedule is extremely full over the next couple of months, and we hope yours will be, too. They say that half the battle is just showing up. There are quite a few upcoming opportunities for you to do so. We look forward to seeing you at one of these great events.



