

September 10–12—Essential Concepts of Bearing Technology. Duke University Conference Center, Durham, North Carolina. The American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA) continuing education program will get attendees up to speed on bearing basics. This course will offer knowledge in rolling bearing types, bearing loads and applications, mounting methods, contact stresses, bearing load sharing, bearing pre-load, materials for ball and roller bearings, concepts in friction, ball and roller bearing deflections, failure modes and life standards. Attendees will receive a copy of *Rolling Bearing Analysis, Essentials Concepts of Bearing Technology, 5th Edition* as well as continuing education units upon successful completion of this course. For more information, visit www.americanbearing.com.

September 17–19—Gear Expo 2013. Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. Gear Expo is a biennial event designed exclusively for the gear industry. For three days, gear buyers and manufacturers network and build relationships that benefit their respective companies. Attendees see firsthand the latest technology on the market and discuss trends in the industry with experts. Exhibitors have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with attendees and other exhibitors and will display more than 750,000 pounds of machinery on the show floor. Thousands of professionals from around the United States, international manufacturing hubs, and emerging markets conduct profitable business transactions and collaborate on the innovations that make their operations more streamlined. The ASM Heat Treating Society Conference and Exposition is co-located with Gear Expo 2013. For more information, visit www.gearexpo.com.

September 18–20—EPT-DA Annual Convention. Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice, Italy. EPTDA's annual conventions are highly acclaimed by PT/MC professionals as being a leading event in the industry, providing time- and cost-saving solutions for expanding business networks and enhancing knowledge. This professional industry summit is hosted annually, generally at the end of September, and is open to both members and non-members. Attendee benefits include a premier connection hub for global PT/MC distributors and manufacturers, an executive networking event gathering over 300 PT/MC key decision-makers, B2B meeting platform for distributors and manufacturers, an educational program featuring prominent business leaders as keynote speakers, local company visits and extensive opportunities to discuss business issues, best practices and innovative ideas both formally and informally. A diverse social program is available for partners and spouses during the event. For more information, visit www.eptda.org.

October 3–5—PTDA Industry Summit. J.W. Marriott Desert Springs, Palm Desert, California. The theme for this year's Industry Summit—"Working Without a Net?"—reflects how, despite all of the communications bombarding us daily, it takes collaboration to find the right information to move your company forward. Fortunately for those in the power transmission/motion control distribution channel, the PTDA Industry Summit offers a support net through the extensive opportunities to discuss business issues and develop innovative solutions. On average, more than 550 delegates—the industry's top executives representing 240 companies—will network and conduct business at this year's Industry Summit. In addition to being a cost-efficient and powerful connection hub, the emphasis on current events and economic trends can provide you with the net you need

to be more secure in your plans for your business moving into 2014 and beyond. Highlights include educational workshops, peer networking forums, one-on-one meetings and an optional golf outing benefiting the PTDA Foundation. For more information, visit www.ptda.org.

October 15–17—Motion Control 2013. Los Angeles Convention Center. Motion Control 2013 is a conference and pavilion at WESTEC 2013. This conference is focused on the latest trends and advancements in the design and operation of motion control systems and power electronics for manufacturing and industrial applications. Covering motors, drives, automation systems, power electronics, controls and system integration, the event includes best practices in designing motion control systems for ultimate output and performance utilizing the latest components and technologies the industry has to offer. Attendees will discover how new technologies are improving performance, energy efficiency and providing cost savings for OEMs and industrial operations. Design and system engineers with OEMs and R&D engineers will find solutions in electric motors and drive systems, semiconductor products, electronics, linear motion technology and motion systems for lean manufacturing and process control. For more information, visit www.motioncontrolexpo.com.

November 19–21—Fluid Power Systems Conference. Doubletree Hotel, Rosemont, Illinois. This educational conference will deliver hands-on instruction into practical maintenance techniques and offer roundtable discussions with industry peers. The Innovations Showcase will focus on the newest products and technologies in hydraulics and pneumatics. It is hosted by the International Fluid Power Society, the FPDA Motion and Control Network and the National Fluid Power Association. For more information, visit www.nfpa.com.