

CLOSING REPORT

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Chillventa eSpecial was a resounding success

The international refrigeration, AC, ventilation and heat pump community just wrapped up three days packed with fascinating presentations, new products and intense interactions. The Chillventa eSpecial, which was accompanied by the Chillventa CONGRESS, featured many highlights from 13 to 15 October: 30 presentations at the Chillventa CONGRESS, 75 product presentations, over 300 roundtables held by 207 exhibitors and altogether more than 6,800 active participants from 113 countries who engaged conversations at the highest professional level in over 100,000 instant messages and 1,200 video calls. All of this shows that the industry very much needed an event of this kind. The feedback has been incredibly positive. Preparations for the next milestones are now getting underway with fresh momentum: the European Heat Pump Summit will take place on 26 and 27 October and the Chillventa is scheduled for 11 to 13 October 2022.

“We are really happy with the large exhibitor and visitor turnout at the Chillventa eSpecial! Initial positive feedback during the event demonstrates that the refrigeration, AC, ventilation and heat pump sectors were very pleased with the digital opportunities that the Chillventa eSpecial afforded. The networking and matchmaking opportunities and the high calibre of congress presentations and exhibitors’ product presentations earned particularly high praise. The commitment that the industry has displayed is now driving us forward as we prepare for the European Heat Pump Summit 2021 and Chillventa 2022, both of which will be back at Exhibition Centre Nuremberg,” Petra Wolf, Member of the Management Board at NürnbergMesse, said, summing up the Chillventa eSpecial.

Covid-19 is a key issue for refrigeration experts too

The topics covered by the Chillventa CONGRESS and product presentations at the Chillventa eSpecial spanned the entire spectrum of recent developments related to refrigeration, AC, ventilation and heat pump

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technology from research, development and real life, along with the current policy framework.

The coronavirus was a major topic that was addressed in detail in all segments of the industry at both the Chillventa CONGRESS and presentations. As a critical link in feeding the world's population, the refrigeration chain was also presented and analysed in depth. One particularly informative presentation with facts and figures was devoted to hydrogen. This objective information helps to view the current hype surrounding this issue in the right light. Refrigerants, in particular the circular economy, illegal imports and low-GWP refrigerants, were described and discussed comprehensively.

More than ten presentations explored heat pumps, from tumble dryers to applications in the district heating network. Talks about hybrid systems (that can heat and cool at the same time) were also extremely popular. Five presentations looking at the situation at computer centres in Germany, including the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, delved into the latest figures, trends, challenges and current and future solutions.

Save the date – European Heat Pump Summit 2021 and Chillventa 2022

The next milestone now is the European Heat Pump Summit, a congress for the international heat pump community that will be held in Nuremberg from 26 to 27 October 2021. At this event, renowned speakers will meet with international decision-makers from industry, trade and the research community to discuss the latest market developments, research and development issues and trends in heat pump applications. The next regular Chillventa is scheduled to take place at the exhibition centre Nuremberg from 11 to 13 October 2022.

“Following the success of the Chillventa eSpecial, we are now optimistic about the future and kicking off preparations for the European Heat Pump Summit and the next Chillventa full of energy. We look forward to welcoming the community back to Nuremberg in person soon,” notes Daniela Heinkel, Chillventa Exhibition Director at NürnbergMesse.

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