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Milan, 6 July 2018 - The second edition of **AUTOMATION INSTRUMENTATION SUMMIT** was successfully completed yesterday, the 2-day meeting dedicated to automation, EPCs, instrumentation and valves sectors, promoted by A.I.S. and I.S.A. Italy. AUTOMATION INSTRUMENTATION SUMMIT registered the participation of **71 companies** within the exhibition area, set up in parallel with more than **50 technical-scientific conferences** held in the elegant rooms of the Castello di Belgioioso.

The event was opened by **Pierroberto Folgiero**, CEO of Maire Tecnimont, and **Maria Cristina Messa**, Dean of University Milano Bicocca, who provided a clear and actual overview respectively of the Oil & Gas sector and of the academic world, increasingly looking for effective collaborations with industry for the development of new ideas and opportunities for young talents.

Mauro Paganelli of **Techint** and **Federico Mazzanti** of **XSIGHT by Saipem** opened the second day sessions, providing their own visions regarding the future of the instrumentation world.

The participants expressed satisfaction for the quality of the speakers and presentations, while reiterating the importance and the need for a high-level debate among companies in a dynamic sector such as Oil & Gas.

Diego Bertazzo, **President of A.I.S. - Associazione Italiana Strumentisti** - considers the event a success for many reasons: *"The 2018 edition has grown by 35% compared to the previous one as regards the exhibition area. This figure demonstrates the trust of companies and confirms the relevance of this event in terms of development opportunities as well as visibility for the participants. But our winning move is the conference that this year has hosted distinguished personalities and high-profile speakers. The main purpose of our association is the diffusion of technical culture and the training of operators with the aim of making our companies increasingly competitive. This event represents the peak of our annual activity"*.

Matteo Finardi, **President of the Italian section of I.S.A. - The International Society of Automation** - agrees with Bertazzo: *"I read this event as an Italian 'San Francisco', a breeding ground of ideas, discussions, planning of new projects, and at the same time as a springboard for the future. The aims of our two associations are alike and we work in synergy not only for a widespread and shared training activity, but also to trigger the curiosity towards further investigations and innovative solutions. The Summit is a unique event in the Italian and maybe even European scenery, and we will continue on this path because we believe that technical skills are the necessary condition to face the great challenges of the current market"*.

Also **Claudio Montresor, Vice President of A.I.S.**, expresses his satisfaction for the great success of the two days: *"I believe that AUTOMATION INSTRUMENTATION SUMMIT 2018 has definitely 'cleared the event'. Our task now is to provide our exhibitors and visitors with even better offers. And we already have new ideas in mind that will be revealed during the third edition. I thank everyone for their participation and interest in this event"*.

A.I.S. and I.S.A. Italy associations, in collaboration with **Stefano Malvasi**, Ordinary Professor of Hydraulics at Politecnico of Milan and with **Massimo Manzari**, Professor of Change Management Master ICT - ICL Bicocca, have also announced the **I4A - Ideas for Automation competition**, which rewards the ideas and the genius of Italian high school and university students.

*"The competition is the icing on the cake - says the President of A.I.S., Diego Bertazzo. Bringing students to an industry event, comparing them for the first time with the world of adults is a source of pride for us, especially for the high technical level of the proposals they have developed. The winners of I4A 2018 are two sisters, **Nicoletta and Isabella Rossi**, the finalists **Giacomo Ferrarese and Alberto Battaglia**. We congratulate them and all our competitors for their commitment and work"*.

Tecnimont, Golden sponsor of the event for the second year and historical partner of A.I.S. and I.S.A. Italy since their foundation, was present with its own stand in the castle foyer.

Renato Marini, Marketing Manager of DELL EMC | OEM & IOT, Silver sponsor of the event, said: *"This event allowed us to get in touch with the main players in the Oil & Gas sector and proved to be a valuable tool to create value and establish new synergies. We are very satisfied with the results and visibility that this event has allowed us to achieve"*.

The event was also attended by numerous representatives of **Media, Associations and Universities**, who contributed to the circulation of information.

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