

Moscow's metallurgical plant Expo

Litmash is one of two major metallurgical equipment shows that take place in Moscow each year. More than 300 companies from 29 countries participated in the exhibition held 23 -26 May 2011 this year. **Alex Gurov**, AIT representative in Russia, reports from Moscow.



View to Moscow Krasnaya Presnya Expocentr Fairgrounds from Moscow river embankment. Pic courtesy of Expocentr

Metallurgy-Litmash, which takes place annually at the Krasnaya Presnya Expocentr Fairgrounds in Moscow has, in recent years, taken place alongside Tube Russia 2011 and Aluminium/Non-Ferrous 2011. More than 12 000 visitors from various sectors of the Russian and CIS industries attended the three events.

This evidence of a revival of business and activity between foreign and Russian partners testifies to a new stage in the economic growth of Russia. The demand in the country for the most up-to-date equipment, high quality technologies and plant from world-leading manufacturers continues unabated and plays an important role in the present large-scale modernisation of Russian industry.

Russia's steelmaking companies have made ambitious plans for the future, despite considerable economic difficulties. According to the Russian Ministry for Industry and Trade €50bn will be spent on modernisation up to 2020.

The event is organised jointly by Messe Düsseldorf of Germany and its Russian partner Metal-Expo in co-operation with the International Tube Association (ITA).

Exhibitors came from Germany, Austria, Italy, UK, China, Turkey, Poland and elsewhere. Global companies attending included SMS Siemag and SMS Meer, Siemens VAI Metals Technologies, Danieli, Fives Bronx, Seko/Warwick, ThyssenKrupp Mannex, Dango and Dienthal, Elmaksan Mashinery, Henkel, Eirich, Inductotherm,

Olimpia 80 and other well known brands to present their technologies.

The German national pavilion exhibited technologies and know-how from German companies with support from the German Engineering Federation (VDMA). Austria was supported by the Austrian Trade Commission and Italy with the support of the Institute of foreign trade of Italy and by AMAFOND. China and Russia also exhibited in national pavilions.

Companies from Russia and other CIS countries, such as Group GAS, TMK Trade house, EZTM and others presented their products.

Held concurrently to the exhibition was the 3rd International conference 'Aluminium: Alloys, Rolled Products and Profiles for the Industry and Construction' in which 100 participants took part. Presentations by heads and experts from Rusal, Alcoa, SAT, Danieli, Trimet, Iplana MP, PetroProm-M and the Council of the Russian industrial enterprises of secondary non-ferrous metallurgy were made.

Aluminium International Today had its twice-per-year Russian language issue at its booth.

Parallel exhibitions

In parallel to Litmash, in a nearby Hall Wire Russia 2011 – the International Wire and Cable Trade Fair had around 226 exhibitors from 29 countries, including official national pavilions from Germany, Austria, Italy, France, UK, USA, Taiwan and China.

Under the same roof as Metallurgy-Litmash, but in the basement, Russia Essen Welding & Cutting 2011 and the International Trade Fair Joining, Cutting, Surfacing took place organised by Messe Essen and the German Welding Society. It had around 60 exhibitors. A conference 'Welding – a look into the future' made a useful supplement to this Trade Fair.

Metalloobrabotka'2011 - the 12th International Exhibition for Equipment, Devices and Tools for the Metal-Working Industry took place on 23–27 May and occupied four nearby halls in the Expocentr Fairground. Metalloobrabotka'2011 occupied 28000m² and included 750 exhibitors from 29 countries, including 450 from Russia. National organisations present in Metalloobrabotka'2011 included VDW (Germany), AFM (Spain), CCPIT Machinery Sub-Council (China), SWISSMEM (Switzerland), SST (Czechia), TAMI (Taiwan), the Ministry of the industry of Byelorussia and the Italian pavilion was organised by Expocentr-Italy.

Additional information of the exhibition is available at www.metobr-expo.ru.

The next Metallurgy-Litmash 2012, Tube Russia 2012, Aluminium/Non-Ferrous 2012, will take place in conjunction with other trade fairs in May 2012. ■

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Left Fives Bronx was one of the international exhibitors from 29 countries while (right) Aluminium International Today and sister publication Steel Times International took their regular exhibition space

