
AIME and MRO Middle East see record visitors

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Aircraft Interiors Middle East (AIME) and MRO Middle East, the co-located shows connecting aircraft interiors and maintenance, repair and overhaul with the region's leading airlines, closed today having seen record numbers of visitors.

Over 700 representatives from more than 100 leading airlines attended the two-day event at Dubai World Trade Centre. Representatives from local giants Emirates Airline, Etihad Airways and Qatar Airways were in attendance alongside many others who travelled from Africa, India and Europe to network and create relationships with the 278 exhibitors at the event.



Companies exhibiting included Saudi Aerospace Engineering Industries (SAEI), Thales, B/E Aerospace, and Volga Depnr, plus a plethora of first-time exhibitors looking to gain exposure to the region.

The success of the show has prompted a significant number of exhibitors to re-book for AIME and MRO Middle East 2017. Among those already confirmed to return are Turbine Services and Solutions Aerospace (TS&S), Etihad Engineering and Gerflor.

“The show has been very busy and we have had a lot of interest in our specific products,” said Greg Livingstone, President of Madelec Aero. “A lot of the airlines have been very interested and we have definitely met the right people,” he continued “We look forward to returning for AIME & MRO 2017.”

The MRO Conferences also continued for a second day, with the session discussing challenges for airlines and MH370 proving particularly popular.

"Maintenance reporting data streams coming off newer generation aircraft will become an even more important aspect of MRO impacting many stakeholders. The panel sessions today shed light on critical subjects for the market here," said Brian Kough, Director, Forecasts and Analysis, Aviation Week Intelligence Network. "The ability of this information to drive higher reliability rates and reduce AOG situations will require cooperation amongst OEMs, MROs and airlines," he continued. "Also, new standards for compliance with aircraft navigational reporting equipment will change aircraft equipment in the future"

Also taking place during the event was the Inflight Workshop and Awards, organized by HMG Aerospace. Local airline flydubai was announced as the winner of the airline of the year award, while SITAONAIR's inflight wi-fi app won best innovation in commercial airline cabins. SITAONAIR also took the best global connectivity provider, while Qatar Airways ORYX ONE was rewarded for content innovation in the Middle East. Other winners included: Best Airline IFEC provider for the Middle East - Etihad Airways; best handheld and/or wireless IFE System - Airtime - Global Eagle Entertainment; Innovation in corporate jet cabins - Stage - Rockwell Collins and best seat-centric IFE System - RAVE Centric Embedded IFE System from Zodiac Inflight Innovations.

"As the only dedicated industry event in the region, AIME & MRO Middle East is the place to be for airlines looking to keep up with innovations in both industries," said Michele van Akelijen, Managing Director of show organizers F&E Aerospace. "The demand we have seen from exhibitors booking for 2017 has been fantastic, and demonstrates the value the show provides to those who exhibit here."

Lydia Janow, Managing Director, Events, Aviation Week, said, "MRO Middle East 2016 has been a resounding success. The growth in numbers of visitors this year illustrates the importance of the event to the region, and the number of those already signing up for next year has proved its value to exhibitors. We're looking forward to an even more successful edition in 2017."