

23rd Demolition Conference was a great success

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The 23rd Demolition Conference which has taken place on Friday, March 10, 2017 in Berlin was a great success for the organiser, the Deutscher Abbruchverband – DA (German Demolition Association), as well as for the attendees and exhibitors.

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With more than 900 attendees and 115 exhibitors new records have been reached, as Andreas Pocha, Managing Director of the DA, announced in his opening. Even 75 attendees from 15 countries had come what underlined once more that the international significance of the Demolition Conference increases steadily. All attendees praised the new conference hotel during the conference for offering enough place for the yearly growing event. Also the compact and in this subject very varied conference programme with the adjoining specialised exhibition which showed a wide range of products to the interested professional has been expressed several times very positively.

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The fact that the awareness of the Conference has reached new level, can be also reflected on the fact that with the Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Mr. Enak Ferlemann, for the first time a representative of the federal politics held a keynote. His subject "Opportunities for bridge demolition contractors arising from nationwide rehabilitation requirements", attracted wide interest. Mr. Ferlemann reported that in the topical budgetary planning for 2017 up to 2020 in the bridge modernisation programme were planned budget estimates at the rate of about 2.9 billion €. These estimates follow the principle: „Every improvement measure of a bridge which receives building law will be financed.“ Because within the scope of the bridge modernisation many bridges from technical or economic considerations would have to be substituted with a spare new building and that the work has to be done in urban environment. Here there would be for demolition companies big potential, because these projects are connected necessarily with a dismantling or demolition of the missing previous building. On account of the immense improvement need innovative demolition methods and concepts are asked, which are sure and quick and would affect the traffic as little as possible.

Wide range of subjects of professional lectures

The other professional lectures covered a wide range of subjects of the demolition branch.

Mr. Rosen from the German Brick Industry Association (Bundesverband der Deutschen Ziegelindustrie e.V.) spoke about „Bricks and tiles recycling and utilisation“. Besides, he

made clear that the utilisation of ceramic waste materials has established in practice already extensively and its application is variously. Brick ratios in recycling mixture are suited for the use in carrying and protection against frost layers in the road construction. Brick fractures would be suited again especially well for the use in the vegetation and tree construction and as a tree, planting and roof substrate. Out of brick sand, the uppermost playing surfaces would be produced in sports construction and tennis court construction.

About „The scrapping of the Concordia in the Port of Genoa“, informed Mr. Omini of the company F. Ili Omini in Milan. This large-scale project was carried out in 2 steps with a whole demolition time of 19 months. Besides, a total of 45,000 tonnes of metal were moved. A part from the very demanding technical job this was regarding safety aspects a mammoth's project.

Mr. Hiltpolt of the company Carbotech from Switzerland reported about „Asbestos – the Swiss experience“. Particularly one must note with pollutant decontaminations that a decontamination, like any activity, also with effects on the health and the environment would be connected, e. g., by transports, energy supply, production and disposal of auxiliary materials etc. and that these charges mostly at the place of the decontamination did not result. Hence, the consideration of the whole entire life circle would be necessary.

In the most true sense of the word explosive it was going on within the common lecture of some members of the Professional Committee for Blasting Technology of the German Demolition Association. They pointed out to the fact that blasting is suitable for almost all buildings and building parts in demolition. Just by technological view the ignition processes and protection procedures would have enormously improved and would lead too substantially to less undesirable, but absolutely controllable side effects. Blasting would be economic, safe and up-to-date.

The “Demolition of the Opel plant I in Bochum“, was introduced by Mr. Stolle of the company Reinwald on behalf of every 6 companies involved in this working group (ARGE), Freimuth Abbruch und Recycling GmbH, Moß Abbruch-Erdbau-Recycling GmbH & Co. KG, Prangenberg & Zaum GmbH, Heinrich-Walter-Bau GmbH, Kafriil Abbruch GmbH und Reinwald GmbH. Because the task was to realise the demolition of four named dismantling areas to the reactivation of the area as an industrial location and trade location in a demolition time of 11 months, this can be mastered only in a working group (ARGE). On a total of 20 hectares of area surface it was the task to demolish 3.7 million cubic metres building space what succeeded with great success.

Stimulating dialogue evening

The following dialogue evening, which took place for the first time at the "Station Berlin", a former postal railway station, afforded the opportunity to discuss until late in the evening about the branch and the fresh impressions of the successful Demolition Conference. The impressive scenery of this industrial monument did its remaining to strengthen the good mood.

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