With MARTS 2008 quickly approaching, it's time to take a sneak peak at some of the activities scheduled for this year's event and the value they can provide for you and your organization.

Maintenance Technology

In industry today, it's as important as ever to stay up-todate on the latest technologies, products and practices. This year's Maintenance & Reliability Technology Summit (MARTS) provides an opportunity to do just that. The fourday summit—geared toward maintenance and reliability mangers, engineers, technicians and other capacity assurance professionals—offers a wealth of technical and business sessions, workshops, value-added products and services and not-to-be-missed professional development and networking opportunities.

Must-attend pre- and post-conference opportunities

MARTS 2008 kicks off with pre-conference workshops on Monday, April 14. There are six 7-hour workshops to choose from, with topics such as lean maintenance, reliabilitycentered maintenance, lubrication and CMMS.

New to MARTS this year, the Fluid Sealing Association (FSA) and the Hydraulic Institute (HI) are co-sponsoring a special pre-conference workshop on the Fundamentals of Mechanical Seals. Topics to be covered in this powerful all-day session are: mechanical seal designs and arrangements, basic operating principles and application limits, seal chamber design and pressures, installation of mechanical seals, environmental controls and piping plans, pump commissioning and everybody's favorite, TROUBLESHOOTING. This basic, yet comprehensive course also provides participants with the first cost analysis tool specially designed for evaluating the life cycle costs of mechanical seals. Each attendee will receive a free copy of the 300-page HI/FSA book Mechanical Seals for Pumps: Application Guidelines (a $195 value).

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