



R+T Asia sets new visitor and exhibitor records

R+T Asia 2016, held March 24-26 in Shanghai, set new records this year, attracting 27,088 visitors and 486 exhibitors in 45,000 square meters in four exhibition halls. The show is the leading Asian trade fair for roller shutters, doors/

gates, windows, and sun protection systems.

The number of visitors exceeded that of the 2015 show by 24 percent, while international visitors increased by 29 percent to 6,850 people from 94 different countries. The number of exhibitors increased by 12 percent over 2015. Foreign exhibitors comprised 15 percent of the total, with 19 different countries being represented.

The focus of this year's show and its International Window and Door Summit was smart home technologies. The next R+T Asia will be held March 21-23, 2017, once again in the Shanghai New International Expo Center. Exhibitor information is at www.rtasia.org. ■

R+T Turkey moves from fall to spring

The third R+T Turkey will be held earlier in the year than usual, on March 1-4, 2017, in Istanbul. About 140 exhibitors from 10 countries are expected to participate.

The second R+T Turkey, held Nov. 12-15, 2015, hosted 119 exhibitors, and 35 were from abroad. Eight countries were represented: Turkey, Germany, China, Greece, Italy, Korea, Slovakia, and Spain.

Turkey is one of the world's fastest-growing markets, and Istanbul was the world's third-fastest-growing city in 2014. ■

Safety training expands in UK

In May, the Door & Hardware Federation (DHF) reported that more than 700 people had completed automatic gate safety training for its Safety Diploma program. The number is expected to rise significantly when the program expands to cover a wider range of industry sectors.

In early 2016, the program was broadened to include a two-day safety course for industrial door and garage door companies. DHF said its Safety Diploma program is a key part of its plan to significantly increase safety within the industry.

"Many installers have been prosecuted in recent years following incidents and fatalities caused by powered gates they installed or were maintaining," said Nick Perkins, DHF training officer.

The program covers UK legislation and safety issues that affect the installation, maintenance, and repair of industrial doors and garage doors. The garage door training course is available to DHF members only. However, the industrial door course is also open to non-members. ■



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ICC approves record number of DASMA proposals

In April, seven DASMA-initiated proposals were approved for the next (2018) edition of the International Energy Conservation Code. The proposals, which DASMA Technical Director Joe Hetzel submitted under the auspices of the ICC Sustainability, Energy & High Performance Building Code Action Committee (SEHPCAC), included a rolling door U-factor default value, restructuring a default U-factor table, referencing rolling doors for ANSI/DASMA 105 testing, defining the term “opaque door,” redefining terms associated with “fenestration” in two places, and focusing garage doors on U-factor requirements.

Hetzel said that three additional relevant proposals by others were also approved. Those include clarifying provisions on loading dock doors and opening seals and referencing NFPA 80 for fire door assembly inspections and modifications. During the upcoming public comment period, DASMA will address some disapproved proposals involving automated vehicular gate systems and will monitor a number of disapproved proposals that DASMA opposed as well.

Final action on all proposals will occur in October at hearings in Kansas City. ■



Florida-specific code requirements reapproved

In April, the Florida Building Commission's Structural Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reapproved six Florida-specific code provisions involving DASMA member products. The code provisions are expected to be included in the sixth edition of the Florida Building Code volumes to be published and effective in 2017.

The DASMA proposals keep provisions involving door wind load, testing, and labeling in both the residential and building code volumes.

Interested parties can follow the development of the next edition of the Florida codes at www.floridabuilding.org. ■



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DASMA divisions set technical priorities

Earlier this year, DASMA's High Performance Door and Rolling Door divisions reviewed and prioritized a number of technical items they believe will require attention through at least 2020. The top three high performance door topics are egress, refrigeration, and FDA/USDA requirements, while the top three rolling door topics are thermal performance, fire door maintenance/performance, and wind-load evaluation involving door components and surrounding support.

Jeff Wendt, DASMA High Performance Door Division chair, said that the division is entering a third cycle of establishing priorities. He noted that two previous cycles, going back to 2004, resulted in many thermal-, wind-, green-, and seismic-oriented accomplishments.

Steve Hahn, DASMA Rolling Door Division chair, said that the division has made a number of wind-, fire-, and thermal-related accomplishments since its founding in 1996. ■

The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
87	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
64	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
51	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
43	TDS 161 Connecting Garage Door Jambs to Building Framing
39	TDS 271 Rolling Steel Fire Doors, Drop Testing and Annual Follow-Up

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