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Fives launches “Combustion Talks” to drive innovation and sustainability in industrial combustion

Fives, a global leader in industrial combustion, held the **first edition of its “Combustion Talks” at the Fives European Combustion Centre, the largest R&D center dedicated to industrial combustion in Europe**, located in Piacenza, Italy.

This inaugural event brought together **40 key players from industry, academia and technology** to explore the theme:

“The transition to sustainable combustion: balancing research, regulations and collaboration.”

The roundtable discussion, moderated by Tracey Biller (Independent Technical Writer & Editor), featured:

- Hans-Jürgen Altendorf, Managing Director – LAMTEC
- Christopher Molloy, Director Business Field Process Heat – EMEA, KARL DUNGS
- Stefano Consonni, Professor of Energy Systems – Politecnico di Milano
- Davide Zorzenon, Application Manager & Process Engineer – Valmet
- Louis Ricci, Director R&D BU Energy | Combustion – Fives

Together, they addressed the **challenges and opportunities of industrial combustion** in a **context of increasing environmental regulations, rising energy costs and the need for operational performance**.

Francesco Giudici, CEO of Fives ITAS, opened the event by stating:

“This first edition of Combustion Talks marks a significant milestone for Fives. It reflects our ambition to work hand-in-hand with our customers, suppliers, and the next generation of engineers to co-create pragmatic solutions that meet the evolving needs of industry.”

Beyond the technical discussions, **“Combustion Talks” also served as a valuable networking platform**, encouraging exchanges and new connections between participants throughout the day to foster collaboration.

The event concluded with a visit to the Fives European Combustion Centre (3,000m²), where participants discovered Fives’ **latest innovations in combustion technologies, including ultra-low NOx, hydrogen, and oxycombustion solutions**. A highlight of the tour was the **ITAS Remixflame™** air-gas controlled premix induct burner, a **cutting-edge solution designed to advance performance and limit emissions in industrial drying applications**.

With this new initiative, **Fives reaffirms its role as a trusted partner for a more efficient and sustainable industry**, combining technical excellence with a collaborative and open approach to innovation.

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From left to right: Tracy Biller, Stefano Consonni - Politecnico di Milano, Chris Molloy - DUNGS, Davide Zorzenon - VALMET, Hans-Jürgen Altendorf - LAMTEC, Louis Ricci - Fives, Francesco Giudici - Fives ITAS

Fives, your partner for a more efficient and virtuous industry

From the first railway lines to the Eiffel Tower lifts and factory 4.0, for over 200 years Fives has been designing the disruptive solutions and technologies that make up industry. As a pioneer of decarbonization and digitalization, Fives is always one innovation ahead thanks to its ability to anticipate customer needs. By responding to the specificities of each market locally, Fives combines economic and environmental performance in 25 countries thanks to its 9,200 employees.

The Energy | Combustion Business Unit of Fives, under the renowned names ITAS, North American and Pillard®, designs, supplies and manufactures customized burners, combustion systems, and controls for furnaces, flares, and boilers. Fives' offer also includes maintenance services, process optimization and reduction of environmental footprint.

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