

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Packed Programme despite Construction Works: CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf boasts Good Booking Levels in 2018**

2018 is set to be a strong year for congresses in Düsseldorf. Over the coming months the CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf will host to the tune of 1,500 meetings, conventions, congresses and corporate events – 18 of these with 1,000 or more participants. Running concurrently are the construction works for Messe Düsseldorf's new Hall 1 and entrance Süd, which will give the congress centre a new face from mid-2019 and incorporate a full refurbishment of the premises.

"The decision to also keep the event business up and running at CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf during the construction works has proven right because the premises continue to post good booking levels. The big conventions include many leading national and international events. Handling these despite the difficult general conditions requires innovative concepts and extreme fine-tuning at the planning stage. We find solutions here together with the event organisers and technical service providers," says Hilmar Guckert, spokesman of the board at Düsseldorf Congress Sport & Event.

#### **Conventions hosted with several thousands of guests**

The best-attended conventions in 2018 include EMV – the International Exhibition and Conference on Electromagnetic Compatibility. This will be held at CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf and 3,000 participants are expected. This will be followed in March by the continuous medical education congress of the federal gynaecology academy "Frauenärztliche Bundesakademie" with 1,100 participants, the ophthalmological convention of the "Augenärztliche Akademie Deutschland" with some 6,000 participants and the urological convention of the "Nordrhein-Westfälische Gesellschaft für Urologie" with 800 delegates.

This year will see Fachverlag Wolters organise not one but four major events in Düsseldorf with 600 to 2,500 participants, namely the "Deutscher Schulleiterkongress" for German headmasters, the "Deutscher Kitaleitungskongress" for daycare centre directors, the "Deutscher Ausbildungsleiterkongress" for training managers and the "Deutscher IT-

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Leiterkongress” for IT Managers. The organisers of the Japan and Anime Convention DoKomi expect to the tune of 40,000 visitors at CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf as well as in several of the halls at the Messe Düsseldorf premises in May.

October sees the European Aerosol Federation (FEA) organise the International Aerosol Congress & Exhibition. This expert event for the chemical industry is expected to bring some 1,750 participants to the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia.

It will be followed immediately by another highlight in the convention calendar for 2018: the annual convention of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine. This medical mega convention is held annually at varying locations in Europe and brings up to 6,000 participants from European and other foreign countries to Düsseldorf. Before it was hosted by Vienna in 2017, and Barcelona will follow in 2019.

### **Innovative room concepts for events during the construction phase**

The Düsseldorf Congress Sport & Event team is constantly working out new concepts in order to live up to the high demands made by major conventions on space and technical equipment during the construction works. If need be up to 15 temporary rooms can be installed using curtain walling systems and mobile partition walls at CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf and the adjacent exhibition halls. For these projects the company cooperates with a technical service provider that is a European market leader in this field.

### **Completion in summer 2019**

The construction works for the new Messe Süd complex will still last until summer 2019. Until 2021 the CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf will continue to be further modernised over the summer months. Then the premises will be fully refurbished, sport a new look, and an event area measuring 12,000 square metres in the neighbouring new Hall 1. This complex provides convention and corporate event organisers with optimum indoor infrastructure plus cutting-edge technical equipment.

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