

“Buy Quiet“ Symposium 2016

Despite efforts to reduce product and machinery noise emissions, noise from machines is still a major reason for excessive noise at workplaces and in communities. Even legal requirements were not effective in some cases. For example, the European Union requires manufacturers to design machines to the lowest noise levels and to provide noise emission information to potential purchasers, allowing the customer to select quiet machines. However, a recent European investigation (NOMAD) showed that 80 % of the noise emission declarations for such machines were incorrect and did not provide the necessary information. As a consequence, the information provided does not allow purchasers of these machines to choose a comparatively quiet one. The general concept of making the machinery market transparent with respect to the noise emission of machines has had little success in this market. There are other markets, such as the IT industry and some home appliances, where noise declarations are readily available to the public and have likely contributed to lower noise levels. In general, however, there is a pressing need for further efforts to better promote the idea of buying quiet across market segments.

I-INCE has identified this problem and therefore will continue the “Buy Quiet” initiative by organising a “Buy Quiet” symposium in 2016. This is a follow-up to the Buy Quiet symposium held in Paris in 2011, and is part of the I-INCE Technical Study Group 10 work on Buy Quiet programs.

The symposium will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Hamburg, Germany, on August 25, 2016. The venue is close to Hamburg’s congress centre, where the INTER-NOISE 2016 will have just taken place.

For more information and registration, see www.internoise2016.org.

For all interested participants **the symposium will be for free**. However, we kindly request a registration. Those who register for both the InterNoise and the Buy Quiet symposium should do this through the InterNoise registration process. For all others not attending the InterNoise Congress, **a registration should be made** by contacting

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The symposium will be limited to 100 participants and is specifically intended for those who are designing and measuring machines with respect to noise; those who are buying machines; and representatives from Occupational Safety and Health authorities, test houses dealing with the determination of noise emission, and machine manufacturers.