

FABTECH Canada 2016 Delivers 3rd Successful Show in Ontario Marketplace

New technologies, prominent speakers, increased number of attendees and exhibitors among highlights

(TORONTO, April 1, 2016) — Proving to be the manufacturing destination for new products, education and networking, FABTECH Canada 2016, held March 22 to 24 at the Toronto Congress Centre, welcomed a total of 7,414 visitors to the country's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event. Buyer attendance was up approximately 17% as 5,076 attended the three-day event to see live product demonstrations, compare products side-by-side and find cost-saving solutions at more than 300 exhibiting companies occupying 85,750 net square feet of floor space.

The exhibit floor was full of energy as attendees had the opportunity to see and demo hundreds of products and services from some of the most recognizable brands in the industry, including Amada Canada Ltd, Bystronic Inc, Graco, KUKA Robotics Canada, LVD Strippit, Mazak Optonics Corp, Mitsubishi Laser/Fabricating Machinery Solutions, Multicam Canada, Plex Systems, RoboVent, and TRUMPF Inc. Attendees also benefitted from a full schedule of expert-led conference sessions and workshops held alongside the show.

Other highlights included: the opening keynote from retired Canadian Army Maj. Gen. David Fraser, chief operating officer, INKAS Armored Vehicle Manufacturing; an Additive Manufacturing/3-D Printing expert panel presentation; Opening Night Reception; and a Job Shop Reception sponsored by *Canadian Fabricating & Welding* magazine.

"The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive," said Janine Saperson, FABTECH Canada event manager at SME. "Attendees really enjoyed the experience and were impressed with the size and scope of the show and the number of new products and technologies on display. Exhibitors were enthusiastic about the high-quality of leads they collected and the sales inquiries generated during the show."

The next FABTECH event will be FABTECH Mexico on May 4-6, 2016 at the Centro Banamex in Mexico City followed by FABTECH Las Vegas taking place November 16-18, 2016. FABTECH Canada will be back in Toronto on March 20-22, 2018. For more information on these events, visit www.fabtechexpo.com.

The five FABTECH co-sponsors represent a wide variety of expertise and include: <u>SME</u>, the <u>American Welding Society</u>, the <u>Fabricators & Manufacturers Association International</u>, the <u>Precision Metalforming Association</u> and the <u>Chemical Coaters Association International</u>. Together, these associations bring unmatched technical proficiency and industry insight to FABTECH. Read more about FABTECH's co-sponsors <u>here</u>.