

International flair at the 2014 Fall European EtherCAT Plug Fest

As the last of five EtherCAT Plug Fests held this year, the 2014 Fall European EtherCAT Plug Fest capped off the worldwide event series for 2014. At the facilities of Festo in Esslingen, Germany, almost 40 participants from 3 continents met recently to test their EtherCAT masters and slaves for interoperability.

The 2014 Fall European EtherCAT Plug Fest saw an incredibly diverse range of attendees from around the world. EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) member companies from 10 countries in Europe, North America, and Asia joined the Plug Fest, bringing a total of 9 EtherCAT masters and 27 EtherCAT slaves for interoperability testing. The event featured extensive use of the EtherCAT Conformance Test Tool, too.

Experts on-site from the EtherCAT Technology Group were especially happy about the advanced features of the devices brought to the event, demonstrating a high level of EtherCAT expertise and innovation. The integration of device profiles highlighted the simple and fast device configuration provided from the start by EtherCAT. At the Plug Fest, this was particularly apparent in the case of the drive profiles of EtherCAT, the Safety and Semi Profiles as well as the highly versatile Modular Device Profile.

Concerning the upcoming 2015 Plug Fest season, ETG member companies continue to express great interest. Alessandro Figini, one of ETG's representatives at the event, sums up: "Looking back at a very successful year in 2014, we're already looking forward to the upcoming events in 2015. The number of companies who would like to host one of our next EtherCAT Plug Fests has grown with each successive event."

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About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 2.900 members from 58 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology, which stands for high-performance, low-cost, ease of use and a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and became an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard in 2007. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone can implement or use it.

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