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35.BI-MU ABOUT TO BEGIN
TAKING PLACE FROM TUESDAY 13 TO FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER AT FIERAMILANO RHO
TECHNOLOGY, CONFERENCES AND NETWORKING

OVER 400 COMPANIES IN ATTENDANCE, 40,000 SQUARE METRES OF TOTAL EXHIBITION SPACE
AND MORE THAN 50 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Rho, 13 October. **35.BI-MU**, the international biennial exhibition dedicated to the machine tool industry (covering cutting and forming machines), robotics, automation, digital and additive manufacturing, and auxiliary and enabling technologies, **is taking place at fieramilano Rho from today until Friday 16 October.**

Promoted by **UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE** and organised by **EFIM-ENTE FIERE ITALIANE MACCHINE**, BI-MU reaffirms its position as one of the leading international events dedicated to production technologies, robotics and automation. As such, it appeals to all professionals in the manufacturing industry, who will gather in the halls of fieramilano Rho for a **'four-day' event of professional development and networking.**

The exhibition opens today with the inaugural conference chaired by **Riccardo Rosa**, President of UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, with contributions from: **Valentino Valentini**, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Enterprise and Made in Italy; **Giovanni Bozzetti**, President of Fondazione Fiera Milano; **Simona Greco**, Hosted Exhibitions Director at Fiera Milano; **Luca Durante**, Head of the Capital Goods Office at ICE-Agenzia. The second part of the event features an interview with **Gian Piero Cutillo**, Co-General Manager of Leonardo, and **Roberto Vavassori**, Executive Director of Brembo and President of ANFIA, conducted by **Paolo Bricco**, Special Correspondent for Il Sole 24 Ore.

The event features over **400 companies**, spread across a **total area of 40,000 square metres in Halls 22 and 24**. The spotlight is on machine tools, robotics, automation, additive manufacturing, digital manufacturing, artificial intelligence, measurement and quality control systems, components and enabling technologies for the smart factory. Alongside the traditional exhibition, 35.BI-MU features seven themed areas: **RobotHeart**, dedicated to robotics and automation; **AMITALY**, focusing on additive manufacturing; **BI-MU Digital**, for digital technologies and connectivity; **Metrology and Testing**, dedicated to measurement and quality control; **Power4Machines**, for transmission systems and components; **Heat and Surface Treatments**, covering heat and surface treatments; **Tool Tech**, new to this edition, dedicated to advanced tools and solutions for maximum production efficiency. The exhibition programme is rounded off by an overview of **Revamping & Retrofitting**, dedicated to the refurbishment and modernisation of machinery and plant.

The wide range of products on display is sure to attract visitors from Italy and abroad. Among them are also participants in the traditional **'Incoming' initiative organised by UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE in collaboration with ICE-Agenzia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**. For this edition of the event, **120 trade professionals** are taking part in the mission, which includes around twenty trade analysts and a hundred qualified users of machine tools, automation systems and robotics from: Brazil, Canada, South Korea, Egypt, France, India, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, the USA, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. They will be joined by an independent delegation of Indian agents.

ICE-Agenzia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation have also supported the organisation of the **Start-up Area**, which features around twenty companies whose offerings complement the production of capital goods. The event will also host a **delegation of representatives from the European Commission's Machinery Unit** who, together with

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representatives from CECIMO, will visit the exhibition and meet with UCIMU's senior management to discuss issues of interest to the sector.

For the 35th edition of the event – a professional development opportunity for those working in the sector – the organisers have expanded the scope of in-depth cultural and thematic exploration for all participants: manufacturers of machine tools, robots and automation systems; end-users from all the main end-user sectors; researchers; as well as students from upper secondary schools, technical colleges and universities. **Over 50 events** – including conferences, workshops and round-table discussions – are scheduled to take place in the BI-MU più Arena, the Skills Area and LEM 3 (by invitation only).

Among the new features of this edition are **two special forums** dedicated to the **Aerospace & Defence** and **Energy** sectors – strategic sectors that will be analysed through first-hand accounts from production and operations directors at some of the leading international players and from CEOs of a number of Italian SMEs.

In the field of training, the **International Conference VLF4EU** (Virtual Learning Factory for the EU) is of particular significance: an innovative initiative that combines real-world training with Digital Twin technology for young talent, and which will be attended by around thirty researchers from Denmark, France, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Italy. The relationship between young people and the world of work will, meanwhile, be explored in greater depth at the meeting entitled '**Value, Future, Impact. Work according to the new generation**', organised by ANIPLA under the patronage of the UCIMU Foundation. These conferences form part of the **Skills Area**'s programme of events.

Held in Hall 24, the Skills Area will also host a number of initiatives organised by **UCIMU Academy** and **FONDAZIONE UCIMU**. These include **ROBOTGAMES**, the automation and robotics competition for upper secondary school pupils, now in its second year.

In this space, around **4,000 students** will register; accompanied by their teachers, they will take part in self-guided or tutor-led tours – with all tutors being students from **ITS INCOM** – around the exhibitors' stands over the four days of the exhibition to observe the latest technologies at close quarters. The students will also be able to take part in the initiative organised by **Randstad** in collaboration with the UCIMU Foundation, '**Skill Tracker – The Skills Passport**', an innovative interactive challenge bridging the analogue and digital worlds. The area will also feature the **Ecole desk**, which will present a wide range of training and consultancy services.

At 35.BI-MU, the **Additive Future Lab** makes its debut – an initiative dedicated to ITS students and additive manufacturing technologies. Another brand-new feature of the 35th edition is the **BI-MU FutureTech Award**, which recognises the best innovations presented at the fair in the categories of mechanical innovation, digitalisation and sustainability. And to mark the 70th anniversary of the organisation of the first BI-MU, EFIM, in collaboration with the Historical Archive of Fondazione Fiera Milano, has created '**70 Years of Machine Tools**', a photographic exhibition that brings together, in no particular order, a selection of images documenting the biennial machine tool exhibition from its inception to the present day.

Full details and the updated programme for the event are available at **www.bimu.it**.

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