



User Association  
for Automation in Process Industries

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#### Dr. Norbert Kuschnerus, President of the NAMUR Board of Management

As a user association for automation in the process industry, NAMUR places particular importance on contact to colleagues in process engineering. This is why ACHEMA continues to be regarded as an extremely significant event.

Obtaining timely information on developments in process engineering is crucial for us. We need this information to develop automation solutions in good time that address these innovations, thus enabling us to, in turn, contribute to the industrial maturing of these process engineering developments.

The interest expressed in the opposite direction is similar: the development and provision of efficient automation solutions help enhance the performance of process engineering systems. They also enable the realisation of process engineering solutions in some cases which would have been unfeasible in the past. Online analysis systems, systems for supporting operational logistics or intelligent systems for plant asset management represent just a few examples of topics of this nature which NAMUR continually promotes, and this in turn enhances the efficiency of our production processes and makes them more competitive.

In conjunction with its partners ZVEI and ARC, NAMUR will organise daily discussion rounds at ACHEMA 2009 under the motto "Automation in Dialogue". This indicates the positive cooperation between DECHEMA and NAMUR, while also underlining the importance of ACHEMA for NAMUR. The discussion rounds will be held in Hall 10.1 and will bring together excellent experts and high-ranking managers from user companies and manufacturers, the fields of research and education and the authorities. These will offer visitors to ACHEMA an excellent opportunity to obtain information on all current and important topics in automation, while also familiarising themselves with the differing points of view of all discussion participants.

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