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Following on the milestone of its 15th Anniversary, the CC-Link Partner Association (CLPA) was a corporate sponsor of the ARC Industry Forum 2017 in Sitges, Spain. The Forum is one of a series of similar annual events organized globally by ARC and regularly attracts a large audience of top level management from a spectrum of leading manufacturing companies.

CC-Link IE and its fieldbus counterpart, CC-Link are de-facto open automation network standards in Asia and have steadily been increasing their presence globally. With Industry 4.0 placing a huge emphasis on increasing the ease of communication between devices, the CLPA took the chance to host a workshop at the Forum that explored the benefits that CC-Link IE's unique gigabit Ethernet performance can bring to companies deciding their Industry 4.0 strategy. The session included a panel discussion lead by ARC's analysts and included participation by other industry leaders such as Hilscher, Mitsubishi Electric and the OPC Foundation.

This was followed with a presentation that examined how CC-Link IE is being used to provide solutions to leading automotive end-user Suzuki in demanding applications such as weld shops and overall line process control and monitoring.

Furthermore, the Forum included a showcase area where CLPA's display offered attendees the chance to have one-on-one discussions with CLPA staff about specific features of CC-Link IE and how it might deliver solutions to their manufacturing challenges. CLPA also used this area to promote the extensive industry support CC-Link IE has received via a multimedia presentation of numerous partner testimonials regarding the network's importance to their business. These can be seen on the CLPA's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CLPAEurope>

CLPA-Europe general manager John Browett commented after the event: "Implementing Industry 4.0 capabilities is one of the main challenges facing automation manufacturing companies today. The CLPA believes that because of its unmatched gigabit bandwidth, CC-Link IE is a natural choice to deliver the necessary open network performance and capacity to these applications. We were pleased to be able to

communicate this message to the industry leaders facing these challenges and hold high level discussions on how our technology can help.

For more information about the event, please visit

<https://www.arcweb.com/events/arc-industry-forum-europe>

■ **CC-Link Partner Association**

The CC-Link Partner Association is an international open network organization founded in 2000 dedicated to the technical development and promotion of the CC-Link family of open automation networks. The CLPA's key technology is CC-Link IE, the world's first and only open gigabit Ethernet for automation and an ideal solution for Industry 4.0 applications due to its unmatched bandwidth. Its main activities include the development of CC-Link IE and CC-Link technical specifications, conducting of conformance tests, development support, and promotion of the CC-Link technologies. The CLPA boasts more than 3,000 members. CC-Link is the leading open industrial automation network technology in Asia and is becoming increasingly popular in Europe and the Americas.



■ **Captions**

Photo 1: The CC-Link Partner Association (CLPA) was a corporate sponsor of the ARC Industry Europe Forum 2017 in Sitges, Spain.

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