



Review from APEA Live 2014 in Coventry, UK - PetrolPlaza on the road

The annual APEA Live 2014 conference, exhibition and awards dinner took place on Wednesday, 5 November at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry. For a review of the show and interviews with some of the APEA Live exhibitors, watch the PetrolPlaza video.

Watch the PetrolPlaza video review here: www.PetrolPlaza.com/tv

Decision-makers from all corners of the petroleum sector attended the daytime exhibition and conference (sponsored by Franklin Fueling Systems) which, say the organizers, saw an increase of 11% in footfall compared to 2013.

According to Louise Morgan, former Chairman of the APEA, this year's conference was the most well attended to date.

Conference programme

- The conference programme began on a high, with 'Convenience Retailer of the Year 2014', David Charman, who shared his engineering challenges behind shop developments and offered guidance on what is needed from those who work in a busy petrol station environment.
- Next, Design Engineer Tolulope Martin spoke about Shell's latest development of an unmanned entry tank lining solution.
- The AA's, Andy Powdrill went on to speak about the consequences and solutions when people fill their vehicles with the wrong fuel.
- Details on the design and operation of hydrogen fuelling stations, in Europe and the US were then revealed by Dr. Andrew Murphy from Shell Global Engineering.
- Following lunch and the APEA AGM, Dr. Joan Kelley, Technical and Operations Director from Conidia Bioscience delivered key information and facts on the dreaded 'diesel bug'.
- Ignacio Garcia-Lorenana from Opel / Vauxhall and Stefan Kunter from ELAFLEX HIBY Group then discussed why AdBlue dispensing will become commonplace on the forecourt.
- The conference programme ended with London Fire Brigade's, Brian Humm who went through the significant changes in legislation and the potential consequences that the industry needs to be aware of.

Awards dinner ceremony

The pre-dinner drinks (sponsored by Fairbanks) took place in the exhibition hall, where guests were able to network with key prospects and clients ahead of the evening's programme.

The APEA awards dinner (sponsored by Petrocom) drew more than 600 attendees, say the organisers. At the ceremony, the year's top performing companies were honoured for their achievements.

Comedian Milton Jones topped the night off with the APEA evening entertainment (also sponsored by Petrocom).

These were the award winners

APEA Lifetime Achievement Award

Sponsored by Elaflex

Peter Prescott

APEA Health & Safety Performance Award

Sponsored by Franklin Fueling Systems

Britannia Fire Ltd for P50 Fire Extinguisher

APEA Innovation Award

Sponsored by Scheidt & Bachmann

CSD Sealing Systems Ltd for RISE Duct Sealing System

APEA Milestone Award

Sponsored by WashTec (UK)

Fairbanks for 10,000 Sites in 5,000 Days

APEA Environmental Protection & Improvement Award

Sponsored by KPS by OPW

Adler & Allan for Adler & Allan Ethanol Coalescing Filter

APEA Outstanding Employee Award

Sponsored by FiloForm

Stuart Seymour, Eurotank Environmental Ltd

APEA Fuelling Installation Of The Year Award

Sponsored by Suresite Group

Lynx Forecourt for Gloucester Gateway Motorway Services, M5 Northbound