

The European Information Development Conference on 9 and 10 November 2005 in Wiesbaden, Germany, was a great success.

"Technical Documentation on a steady road to success" was the theme of the European Information Development Conference (EIDC) 2005. The figures reflect this theme perfectly. They increased in all respects. The total number of attendees grew by 10% , compared to 2004. Among 1465 conference attendees, 167 came from countries other than Germany. This means that the number of non German speaking attendees grew by 25%. They came not only from other European countries (Austria, Finland, Sweden, the UK, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and Hungary) but also from the USA, New Zealand, Israel and even China.

97 companies took part in the exhibition. These are 17 more than last which means an increase by 17,5 %. 12 exhibitors came from outside Germany, some of them have been exhibiting for three years or more and will surely come back next year. The EIDC is a unique occasion to meet technical communicators, documentation managers, service providers, software developers, localisers and researchers from all over the world.

The international terminology conference TAMA 2005, organised by Termnet, the international association of terminology experts, was part of the EIDC. But TAMA was only one of 5 forums where expert speakers gave presentations and workshops on online help, localisation, usability and content management.

TCEurope plans to attract even more people next year and to make the EIDC a unique international meeting point for technical communication specialists from all industrial branches. The organisers envisage to put more emphasis on international industry standards, localisation and global management.