



Editorial

Dear Readers,



with this edition of our Ex-Magazine we want to accompany and support the European PCIC Conference in Basel, taking place for the first time this year.

This event has similar goals as our Ex-Magazine, namely update, exchange and preparation of specialised knowledge of technical and organisational matters regarding explosion protection in Europe.

The editorial staff of the Ex-Magazine wishes PCIC a good start and a similar success story as our own – when all said and done we have now published the thirtieth edition of our magazine, the reaction of our readers continues to remain positive.

Even if the new European Directives for explosion protection have applied on their own for almost one year, there is still

off by an article applicable to dust hazardous areas.

We started a number of years ago to extend our focus on all matters of explosion protection outside of the European Union. We therefore introduced explosion protection in Brazil in an interesting article last year – this time we change to the “country in the middle”, to China. China is a very interesting country, also in regard to our specific topic.

The biggest investments in chemical plants are taking place here and the need for petrochemical products is continuously growing. China has meanwhile risen to the top league of the chemical industry and has now reached the number 4 spot in the world behind the USA, Japan and Germany, getting ready to take over Germany’s number 3 spot.