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88th NAMUR Annual General Meeting:
"KROHNE highlights Milestones on the Path to Autonomous Plants"

On 27th and 28th November 2025, the 88th NAMUR Annual General Meeting will take place at the Dorint Hotel Düsseldorf/Neuss. The sponsor KROHNE will shape the event under the title “Future-proofing our Industry: Milestones towards Autonomous Plants”.

The (partial) autonomisation of plants is a widely discussed topic in the process industry. At its core, it refers to the implementation of technologies and systems that enable certain processes and tasks within a plant to be carried out automatically, without constant human intervention. This promises a multitude of advantages, including increased efficiency, improved safety, and reduced operating costs.

At the NAMUR Annual General Meeting 2025, KROHNE will place this very topic at the centre of the annual gathering of the interest group: The company is one of the internationally leading providers of process measurement technology, and process measurement technology is one of the most important "enablers" for the autonomisation of processes and plants. Without measurement values, any control – whether by human or machine – is "blind", as no target/actual comparison of process parameters can take place.

Autonomisation also touches on many different fields, both in automation technology (e.g., advanced control systems, sensors, actuators, and software solutions) and in the area of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (keywords: data analysis, pattern recognition, making predictions, automating decisions).

“We will demonstrate at the NAMUR Annual General Meeting which enablers and necessities we see in the area of plant autonomisation and what we are still working on,” explains Attila Bilgic, CEO KROHNE Group. “We are implementing exciting projects with various member companies and want to highlight both the challenges and, in particular, the successes we have achieved.”

“We have achieved a significant part of our successes through the use of AI,” adds Dagmar Dirzus, responsible for the Artificial Intelligence & Platform Business at KROHNE. “The potential we have discovered in the joint projects was previously unimaginable to the users. With our examples, we show what AI can already achieve for the autonomisation of plants and aim to inspire new ideas for its application. In the process industry, we are often still at the forefront of the milestones on the path to autonomous plants, meaning the potential of the later milestones, which we can already see in theory, could be much greater in practice.”

“The focus topic proposed by KROHNE hits the nail on the head,” emphasises Tobias Schlichtmann, Chairman of NAMUR. “We need to increase the efficiency and flexibility of our chemical production while simultaneously addressing the challenges of demographics and sustainability. The technologies and milestones must be chosen so that we gain speed in

implementation and thereby increase profitability as quickly as possible. The path towards autonomous plants will be a catalyst for continuously strengthening competitiveness. I expect valuable insights from KROHNE during the Annual General Meeting 2025 and look forward to stimulating contributions and discussions."

In addition to the main lecture, participants can visit the popular workshops and exhibition area: Here, KROHNE will address further current topics in the process industry, such as sustainability, plant safety, connectivity, or device and process diagnostics.

Together with the many other interesting contributions from NAMUR, the NAMUR Annual General Meeting 2025 promises to bring process automation another significant step forward.

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