

You Talked... We Listened

Thank you to everyone who participated in the AMPP surveys and focus groups over the last year and for your valuable feedback on the AMPP Annual Conference + Expo. It helped us make the 2023 event better for you.

In response to your feedback, we made several improvements from the 2022 AMPP Annual Conference + Expo to enhance the overall conference experience for this year. They are described below.












Thanks to your help, we've made great progress, but there is always room for improvement. Please continue to assess and share your recommendations so we can build on that progress and make 2024 even better!

1. You asked for more balanced conference content and offerings to appeal to our broad audience of contractors, craftworkers, academia, engineers, etc.

- A revised content solicitation procedure was implemented by the Conference & Events Program Committee (CEPC) almost immediately after the 2022 conference, it resulted in nearly three times as many suggestions across the spectrum of the organization.
- Now, topics can be suggested by any Interest Group or the Program Committee.
- This new method balanced technical symposiums, presentations/forums/workshops on practical application, lessons learned/case studies, and product demonstrations across all relevant themes, as well as allow for more non paper/peer-reviewed sessions to be suggested. We also opened it up to non-technical sessions like business and soft skills.
- The end result, nearly 50 non-peer-reviewed sessions on a very wide range of topics. About double what we had in 2022 and as close to a 50-50 split of peer-reviewed sessions to non-peer-reviewed sessions.

2. You asked for better coordination of the timing and location of related sessions and/or topics, as well as a better understanding of how to navigate the venue and where you need to go and access information that's important to you (i.e., description of a meeting, location of a meeting, etc.).

- The Colorado Convention Center will use the Program Color Legend, found in the final program, throughout the facility to make navigating between locations easier based on the type of event taking place. The facility has meeting space all on one floor and one centralized area, which should help going from session to session on your schedule.
- Every effort has been made by AMPP conference staff to avoid overlaps in the schedule.
- To streamline the navigation on site, certain industry tracks have been scheduled within specific areas of the venue, based on the number of tracks and space available.
- We will add more general industry "tags" to each session or topic in the app to let you tailor your event experience to your interests.
- We have added updated app features to try and help how attendees engage with the exhibitor map.

PROGRAM COLOR LEGEND	
	Administrative/Other
	AMPPiTheater
	Contractor Focused Sessions
	Forum
	Informational Session
	Networking
	Symposia, RIP, RTS
	Student Activities
	Standards Committee/ISO
	Technical Communities of Interest
	Workshops

3. Other changes based on your feedback:

- New and specific content for the Student and Young Professionals Track.
- The exhibitor breakfast has been changed to an exhibitor reception on Tuesday in the exhibit hall.
- We will host a Leadership Luncheon that talks about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- We will have a heavy equipment area with company displays of large-scale equipment such as skid mount vacuums, blasting systems, a combination of dust collectors, and high-performance vacuum power units - all up close and indoors in the exhibit hall, but no scheduled equipment discussions/presentations. Equipment discussions may take place in the company booths.

What you can expect at AMPP Annual Conference + Expo 2023:

373 Exhibitors (+11 from 2022)

50+ Peer Reviewed Sessions
(+8 from 2022)

25 Forums (+8 from 2022)

17 AMPPiTheater Presentations
(+6 from 2022)

Student Poster Session

AMPP EMERG Career Fair

6 Research in Progress Sessions

+ 1 Research Topical Symposium
(+45 Papers from 2022)

25 Standard Committee Meetings

39 Technical Committees and Communities of Interest (TCI) meetings (+34 from 2022)

New 5 Informational Sessions

New Hosted Buyer Program – AMPP Connect

New Student and Young Professionals Track

New Added an Extra Hour to the networking session to the exhibit grand hall opening

New Extended Exhibit Hall Hours

opening an hour earlier on Tuesday & Wednesday



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