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Biennial world exhibition for woodworking technology and furniture supplies

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CLEAR OPTIMISM FROM XYLEXPO 2010

There are clear signs that the strong crisis affecting the woodworking machinery and technology industry is coming to an end. This trend was apparent at the recent Xylexpo, held in the FieraMilano-Rho exhibition center from 4 to 8 May. Widespread satisfaction for most of the **652 exhibitors**, 225 of whom from abroad, who covered a net exhibition area of 42,500 square meters and met **51,480 visitors**, 48 percent of whom came from outside Italy.

Apart from figures, which must be evaluated with great attention in periods like this, we want to focus on the atmosphere and the mood of the Milan show: *"It was a good exhibition"*, said the Xylexpo General Manager **Paolo Zanibon**. *"We knew we had to face a difficult period, with global woodworking technology trade down by 37.5 percent. However, Xylexpo is holding on, proving it still deserves the role it has been playing for 42 years in the global industry exhibition scenario."*

"These are not just words", added **Ambrogio Delachi**, President of Acimall, Italian woodworking machinery and tools manufacturers' Association, which organizes the show through Cepra spa (Centro promozionale Acimall). *"Many exhibitors have told me about their satisfaction and the quality of visitors coming to Milan, who were actually interested in the acquisition of solutions and technology within the next few months. These businessmen did not just walk around the stands, they had a real need to update their production equipment. There were orders signed during the exhibition, something we had not seen for a long time!"*

The next Xylexpo will take place from **8 to 12 May 2012** in the FieraMilano-Rho exhibition center.

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