



## Chairman's Desk September 2018 Issue MFPT Newsletter

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone and September is here. MFPT 2019 planning is well underway. **Amy Wynn** and **Susan Berkelbach** have sent email announcements out with information about **MFPT 2019** including details about the new (first time ever!) venue, exciting news about our technical society collaboration partners and the call for abstracts.

**MFPT 2019** will be held May 13-16 in **Philadelphia - King of Prussia, Pennsylvania**. The Philadelphia area is a first time location for our annual The venue selected is the **Crowne Plaza King of Prussia**, a premiere hotel with easy access to Center City Philadelphia and adjacent to the [King of Prussia Mall](#) offering over 450 stores. Attendees at MFPT 2019 will have an opportunity to visit the many historic sites like the Revolutionary War encampment at Valley Forge, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The Crowne Plaza facilities are ideally sized for MFPT and the hotel has all the amenities needed for a world-class meeting. We think that attendees, presenters and exhibitors at MFPT 2019 will all be very pleased with our choice.

The theme for MFPT 2019 is **"Where Theory Meets Practice"**. This theme was selected to emphasize the unique nature of MFPT which has a good balance of research and development presented by academia and labs along with practical applications and solutions shared by the military, manufacturing, and transportation industry end users. Another first is that MFPT has partnered with three other organizations to increase the depth and breadth of the next year's meeting. MFPT's partners for 2019 are the **Hydraulic Institute**, Texas A&M's **Turbomachinery Laboratory**, and the **Vibration Institute** (MFPT's parent organization). I want to personally thank MFPT Board Member and former Chairman, **Bill Marscher**, for reaching out to the Hydraulic Institute and to Texas A&M to initiate the meeting which resulted in our agreement to collaborate on MFPT 2019. On Monday May 13, the Hydraulic Institute will offer a full day tutorial on **"Optimizing Pumping Systems for Increased Reliability and Efficiency"**. Texas A&M will present a short course on **"Vibration Problems & Solutions in Pumps & Turbomachinery"**. MFPT will also offer the popular tutorial **"Hands-On Machine Vibration Analysis"** taught by MFPT Board Member and President of Spectra Quest Inc., **Dr. Suri Ganeriwala**.

Another first for MFPT is that we are partnering with the **Vibration Institute** which will hold its Eastern Regional meeting in conjunction with MFPT 2019. The VI has recently been holding smaller regional meetings in addition to their annual meeting. After attending MFPT 2018 in Virginia Beach, VI President, **Bob Sayer**, felt that the MFPT was an ideal venue to collaborate with to help host a regional VI event. The VI will offer a 2-day track in parallel with the MFPT technical program tracks. MFPT and VI attendees will be able to freely go to either Society's technical sessions and will enjoy the same keynote presentations, meeting breaks, luncheons, Exhibit Hall and vendors' reception. We think that this collaboration will be a big benefit for both MFPT and VI attendees as well for the exhibitors who will have access to an even broader cross-section of the failure prevention community.

Ultimately the success of the technical exchange at MFPT depends on you. Please consider contributing your ideas, knowledge, research, experience, expertise and failure prevention solutions by presenting a paper at MFPT 2019. Abstracts can be submitted on line directly at [The Abstract Submission Portal](#) or simply go to [www.mfpt.org](http://www.mfpt.org) and following the links.

I welcome your comments, feedback and input. Please email me at [chairman@mfpt.org](mailto:chairman@mfpt.org)  
I look forward to seeing your abstract submittals soon!

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