



OCTOBER 2-3, 2023
Marriott on the Falls,
Niagara Falls, Canada

IECEX/QPS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, October 2nd – all meetings will be held in the Oakes Ballroom

7:30 – 8:00 am	Registration – Oakes Foyer
7:45 – 8:45 am	Breakfast – Oakes Ballroom
9:00 - 9:15 am	Opening Remarks <i>Nick Maalouf, P. Eng, Vice President External Affairs and Business Development, QPS</i>
9:15 – 9:45 am -	Applus Testing & Certification Services <i>Jose Medina, Applus</i>
9:30 - 10:30 am -	Update from the IEC and the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems <i>Shawn Paulsen, IEC Vice President</i>
10:30 - 10:45 am -	Coffee Break
10:45 - 11:30 am -	An Overview of IECEX <i>Paul Meanwell, IECEX Chair</i>
11:30 - 12:30 pm -	Lunch
12:30 - 1:45 pm -	60079-46 Equipment Assembly <i>Tony DeSousa, Senior Engineer, QPS</i>
1:45 - 2:00 pm -	Coffee Break
2:00 - 3:30 pm -	Application of IEC 60079-10-1 for Classifying Areas Where Explosive Gas Atmospheres May Exist <i>Allan Bozek, Engworks</i>
3:30 - 5:00 pm -	Comparison of the Approval of Ex Products, in Europe, the UK, the IECEX and North America <i>Rob Kohuch, P. Eng Senior Engineer, QPS</i>

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:30 – 8:00 am	Registration – Oakes Foyer
7:45 – 8:45 am	Breakfast – Oakes Ballroom
9:00 - 10:30 am -	Standards and International Certification Scheme for Equipment using Hydrogen Technology <i>Dr. Arnhold Thorsten</i>
10:30 - 10:45 am -	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:30 pm -	Best Practices for Designing Equipment for Intrinsic Safety <i>Behzad Nejad, Hazcon, Inc</i>
12:30 - 1:30 pm -	Lunch
1:30 - 2:45 pm -	Route to Global Certification <i>Marty Cole, Hubbell Canada</i>
2:45 - 3:00 pm -	Coffee Break
3:00 - 4:15 pm -	Personnel Competency - What it is, Why it is Important and How to Achieve it <i>Bob Johnson, Owner/President, Source IEx, USA</i>