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Industry's "Best and Brightest" Convene at Technical Meetings Hosted by T.D. Williamson

Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI) Committees Recommend 2018 R&D Projects

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Tulsa, OK, June 19, 2017 -- For the pipeline industry, keeping up with the regulatory, market, political, and environmental changes that can affect integrity, operations, and economics is no small feat. That's why many owners and operators turn to the Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI) to help them ensure safe and efficient energy delivery. Among other activities, PRCI funds R&D projects proposed by member companies that are vetted at the annual Spring Meeting of its technical committees and eventually voted on by the executive assembly. The 2017 meeting, held May 16-18 in Salt Lake City, UT, was hosted and sponsored by global pipeline solutions provider T.D. Williamson (TDW).

The Spring Meeting brings together experts in four disciplines: corrosion; design, materials, and construction; integrity and inspection; and surveillance, operations, and monitoring. According to Chuck Harris, TDW Product Line Director, Global Pipeline Integrity, the technical committees meeting represents a "unique gathering of pipeline specialists from around the world, forging a path to solving the problems of tomorrow." His comments were echoed by Cliff Johnson, PRCI president, who said the meeting "demonstrates the energy pipeline industry's commitment to continuous improvement, bringing together the best and brightest within the pipeline industry to address the key challenges facing it."

TDW has been a technical program associate member of PRCI since 2009 and participates in two technical committees: integrity and inspection; and design, materials, and construction. Harris says that through its membership with PRCI, TDW can better understand how to deliver technology that supports the continued safety of the world's installed pipeline assets.

"PRCI helps give us direction, define our priorities, and direct our funding to true industry needs," he said.

During the event, participants had an opportunity to tour the 144,000-square-foot (13,380-square-meter) Global Pipeline Integrity Center (GPIC), a world-class facility where TDW has combined inline inspection engineering, manufacturing, operations, service center, and data analysis functions. In addition, TDW offered hands-on demonstrations of equipment and presentations about technology developments within all products lines, including intrusive and non-intrusive isolation, pigging, and non-destructive evaluation.

"Through their membership in PRCI, T.D. Williamson has demonstrated its commitment to working collaboratively with pipeline operators and other technology providers to develop the needed resources to ensure the safety and integrity of the critical global pipeline infrastructure," Johnson said.

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About T.D. Williamson

Drawing upon a 97-year history of industry leadership, TDW delivers a comprehensive portfolio of solutions for onshore and offshore applications, including pipeline cleaning, pigging, integrity inspection, non-destructive evaluation, hot tapping, and intrusive and non-intrusive isolation.
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