**Overwhelming! Expert visitors, exhibitors and families are all equally pleased with Europe’s most popular miniatures event and the largest model railroading exhibition in Europe.**

**It was a very special model building weekend in the tri-border region on Lake Constance from 4 to 6 November 2022, because Europe’s most popular and delightful miniatures event was back on the scene in all its glory with 326 exhibitors from 11 countries and more than 43,000 visitors from all over the world! Together with the premiere of the IMA International Model Railway Exhibition in Friedrichshafen and the iconic Echtdampf-Hallentreffen, Faszination Modellbau 2022 was an overwhelming success. Extraordinary shows, numerous highlights, outstanding new products, camera-ready demonstrations, lots of indoor and outdoor action and inspiring hands-on activities were on the agenda for three days.**

“First of all, I’d like to express my sincere thanks to the dynamic, creative and highly professional modelling community for this fantastic weekend. With more than 1500 non-commercial participants in all segments including model railroading, steam engine model building, aircraft modelling, model truck building, ship modelling and plastic and cardboard model making, all sectors of the modelling hobby were vividly represented. The multitude and great variety of hands-on activities were extremely valuable, especially for children and teenagers. Our commercial exhibitors are also very satisfied, especially with the great figures and strong business,” exclaims Sascha Bürkel, project manager of the Model Making Events division of the Messe Sinsheim/Schall team.

For three days, the entire world of miniatures – on land, on the water and in the air – was hosted in nine large, bright exhibition halls, two animated foyers and at the directly adjacent Lake Constance Airport. Lots of new products, modelling highlights, demonstrations and obstacle courses presented by the modelling industry filled the attractive exhibition grounds in the tri-border region and radiated the unrivalled spirit of this unique triple event with Faszination Modellbau, Echtdampf-Hallentreffen and the 2022 International Model Railway Exhibition (IMA).

“The first IMA at the venue in Friedrichshafen was a great success for the sector. We can look back on a brilliant event, to which we welcomed visitors to our booth from all over Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy and other countries. A considerable catchment area was accessed by the IMA in Friedrichshafen. Our Märklin events team established numerous contacts and conducted lots of consultations. As you know, the Märklin brand unites generations, and we were especially pleased to see that the hands-on play areas were well frequented by enthusiastically active kids every day from morning till evening. We’re very satisfied and we’re already looking forward to IMA 2024 – here at its new place-to-be,” sums up Eric-Michael Peschel, head of events marketing at the industry leader.

Personal consultation is often short-changed due to consumer habits which are increasingly dominated by online shopping, but it was taken advantage of intensively at the large model building event. Rummaging, looking around, asking questions, discussing, marvelling and well-advised buying – in the end, there’s no substitute for personal contact amongst manufacturers, dealers and customers, and vice versa.

As a result, the annually held Faszination Modellbau inspires many national and international guests with its multi-sector mix of technically oriented topics such as model aircraft, ship and truck building, as well as model railroading and steam engine model building. This model building highlight not only brings the current model making season to its climax and conclusion, the exhibition also heralds the transition to the new year, which means that numerous new models, technologies, electronics and accessories awaited the visitors in Friedrichshafen. Accordingly, the trade fair audience was able to enjoy a wealth of new products from all sectors! For example, Brawa presented new products in the H0 and N gauges, NOCH Modell-Landschaftsbau exhibited its new 2022 products diorama, Faller featured a tunnel boring machine and an impressive model inspired by central station in Neustadt, Germany, and Herpa unveiled a model of a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter built especially for the International Model Railroad Exhibition in its trade fair design. ScaleArt introduced its new “Classic Line” and thrilled visitors with its special Unimog exhibition, Viessmann brought along its motorised road vehicles with revolutionary “CarMotion” technology, Hacker Motor unveiled its new console transmitter and Multiplex was “back for good” after a brief trade fair break with a large booth, a large team, and new products.

The illuminated night driving premiere on the truck and snow groomer courses was also an absolutely fascinating and long-awaited highlight this year, and the visitors were thrilled! What could be more wonderful than to set the miniatures aglow to appropriate music in the precisely choreographed lighting of the show illumination? Various themes were staged and demonstrated here for the audience in a camera-ready manner.

Whether steam punk at the Echtdampf-Hallentreffen, magnificent sailing by starlight or amusing duck shoving with the model ship builders, outstanding miniature parades on the exhibition podiums, sophisticated RC drifts with agile RC motorcycles or cool RC cars, high-speed action in the drone hall or crowds of applauding fans at the incomparably celestial FMT “Stars of the Year” air show, Faszination Modellbau is uniquely fascinating for a wonderful audience every year.

“We’re very pleased that Faszination Modellbau is back in full force and stronger than ever before, along with the IMA and Echtdampftreffen. Our weekend concept with Friday dedicated to expert visitors, Saturday open to expert visitors, other interested parties and friends, as well as our magnificent family day on Sunday, is a complete success and a source of great pleasure for us as event organisers,” says Andreas Wittur, authorised signatory of Messe Sinsheim, in summing up the triple event in 2022.

After the trade fair is before the trade fair! The next Faszination Modellbau will take place in Friedrichshafen in the tri-border region where Germany, Switzerland and Austria meet from the 3rd through the 5th of November, 2023. Save the dates, the countdown starts now.

**Fascinating trade fair photos** from all model building sectors can be found here and used free of charge for coverage of Faszination Modellbau:

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We continuously publish impressions of and information about Europe’s most popular model building festival in the above-listed social media and on our trade fair website.

**Important Note – Save the Date!** The FASZINATION MODELLBAHN international trade fair for model railways, specials and accessories will be held once again at the legendary Maimarkthalle in Mannheim just in time for the start of next year’s season from the 10th through the 12th of March, 2023. Full Information: www.faszination-modellbahn.com

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Talk shop with manufacturers and dealers, meet up with old and new friends, stroll through the beautiful halls and outdoor grounds together, enjoy the great atmosphere and share your passion for model building with others.