

*Bearings Plus Inc. Offers*

**MACHINERY VIBRATION AND ROTORDYNAMICS SHORT COURSE**

January 11-15, 2010, Hilton Houston Hobby Airport  
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**Course Description**

The course will begin with a review of vibration theory followed by an introduction to rotordynamics. Rotordynamics terminology in common use will be defined and explained, including critical speeds, the critical speed inversion, unbalance response, and rotordynamic instability. The influence of rotordynamics on different types of turbomachinery design will be illustrated. Case studies of rotordynamic instability and critical speed problems will be presented. The occurrence and importance of backward whirl will be explained. Causes of bearing problems and failures will be described. Several new seals and bearing dampers with significant damping and stabilizing properties will be described. The following topics in rotordynamics will be covered: force coefficients for bearings, seals, impellers, turbine wheels, and squeeze film dampers; troubleshooting oil film bearings, the finite element and transfer matrix methods for rotordynamic analysis, building realistic rotordynamic computer models, making computer models agree with measurements.

**Who Should Attend**

The course offers concepts and techniques to engineers involved in design, operation, and maintenance of rotating equipment. Participants should have some experience with rotating machinery. For sessions of vibrations analysis and computer simulation, a Bachelor's degree or equivalent knowledge of basic college-level mathematics is assumed.

**Instructors**

**Dr. Dara Childs** is the Director of the Turbomachinery Laboratory and holder of the Jordan Chair in Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M University. He is an ASME Fellow and was awarded the ASME Henry R. Worthington medal. He is the author of the book *Turbomachinery Rotordynamics* and is the world leader in research on turbomachinery seals and their rotordynamic coefficients.

**Dr. Pranabesh DeChoudhury** has worked for Elliott Company in Jeannette, PA for over 32 years. As a Senior Consulting Engineer his responsibilities included rotor-bearing dynamics, bearing design, testing, and analysis, torsional dynamics, blade vibrations, and troubleshooting field vibrations problems. He has retired from Elliott Company and started Pran RDA Consulting Inc. Dr. DeChoudhury received his BSME from Jadavpur University, MSME from Bucknell University, and Ph.D. from University of Virginia. He has authored and co-authored over 25 technical papers and awarded several US patents. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Pennsylvania and a life member of ASME and STLE. He is an ASME Fellow.

**Robert C. Eisenmann, Sr., P.E.** is employed by GE Energy as Global Machinery Diagnostics Service Manager responsible for technical management of the MDS organization. He has dealt with process machinery throughout his 45-year career beginning with Shell Oil and Northern Petrochemical in various design, construction, startup, and maintenance positions. In 1972 he began consulting work with Dow Industrial, followed by Endevco. During 1976 he joined Bently Nevada where he was promoted to Vice-President of World Wide Sales & Service. Between 1985 and 2000 he founded and managed his own consulting company, Machinery Diagnostics, Inc. From 2000 to 2007 Sulzer Hickham employed him as Principal Mechanical Engineer performing field troubleshooting, vibration analysis and rotordynamic calculations. Bob has shared his acquired knowledge through lectures and technical publications. His most significant contribution is the book entitled *Machinery Malfunction Diagnosis and Correction – Vibration Analysis and Troubleshooting for the Process Industries*. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Illinois, Nevada, and Texas, a member of ASME, NSPE, and a mechanical engineering graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

**Dr. Brian Murphy** is conducting research at the Center for Electromechanics (CEM) in Austin, Texas, focusing on advanced electromechanical rotating machinery, including ultra-high energy motors and generators and high-speed flywheel batteries. Prior to his appointment at CEM he was involved in the development of advanced turbomachinery for liquid rocket engines while employed at Rocketdyne. Dr. Murphy has developed rotordynamics algorithms and software (XLRotor™) that are widely used by rotating machinery engineers in industry.

**Dr. John M. Vance** recently retired from Texas A & M University where he was Professor of Mechanical Engineering and carried out research on rotordynamics, bearing dampers, and damper seals in the Turbomachinery Laboratory. He received his B.S.M.E. (1960), M.S.M.E. (1964), and Ph.D. (1967) degrees from The University of Texas at Austin. He has published more than seventy-five technical articles and reports on rotordynamic instability, squeeze film bearing dampers, damper seals, vibration isolators, and related subjects. His book entitled *Rotordynamics of Turbomachinery* (John Wiley, 1988) has sold more than three thousand copies and is used by turbomachinery engineers around the world. He is an active consultant to industry and government and held twelve summer appointments at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, USARTL (Helicopter Propulsion Lab, Ft. Eustis), Southwest Research Institute, Shell Development Co., and the UT Center for Electromechanics. He supported the development of a new turboprop aircraft engine through full-scale rotordynamic testing in the Turbomachinery Laboratory and conducted stiffness testing of the ball bearings used in liquid rocket engine turbopumps. Dr. Vance served on the Advisory Committee for the Turbomachinery Symposium from 1983 to 2007. He is an inventor on several patents relating to rotating machinery and vibration reduction. His patented "TAMSEAL" has been retrofitted to solve vibration problems in a number of high-pressure industrial compressors. He is an ASME Fellow, and a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas.

**Dr. Fouad Zeidan** is the President of KMC/Bearings Plus, Inc. Prior to joining KMC, he held positions at Amoco Research Center, IMO Industries CentriMarc Division, and Qatar Fertilizer where he worked in maintenance and trouble shooting of rotating machinery, bearing design and failure analysis, vibration and rotordynamic analysis. Dr. Zeidan holds seven U.S. Patents for integral squeeze film dampers, and high performance journal and thrust bearings. He has published more than 30 technical papers and articles on various turbomachinery topics. Dr. Zeidan holds a B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University.

## SYLLABUS

- Four 1.5 hour sessions each day: Two in the morning 8:30-12:00 and two in the afternoon 1:30-5:00, 20 Total Sessions including one computer simulation.
- Refreshments provided during the ½ hour coffee breaks each morning and afternoon and in-class deli sandwiches at 12:00 on Friday.

### Monday

- 8:30 **Mechanical Vibrations**, Dr. Vance, Reviews basic vibration theory
- 10:30 **Introduction to Rotordynamics**, Dr. Vance, The Jeffcott model, Critical speeds and Natural Frequencies
- 1:30 **More Material on Rotordynamics**, Dr. Childs, Bent shaft, Orthotropic supports, Parametric Excitation, Newkirk and Morton effect
- 3:30 **Design and Application of Fluid Film Bearings**, Dr. Zeidan, Fluid film bearing fundamentals, advantages and disadvantages of bearing types

### Tuesday

- 8:30 **Direct and Cross-Coupled Stiffness and Damping Coefficients and Their Effect on Rotordynamics**, Dr. Vance, cross-coupling and fractional frequency whirl, effect of support stiffness
- 10:30 **Liquid Seals and Their Effect on Pump Rotordynamics**, Dr. Childs.
- 1:30 **Gas Seals and Their Effect on Steam Turbine and Compressor Rotordynamics**, Dr. Childs
- 3:30 **Fluid Film Bearings Case Study and Retrofit**, Dr. Zeidan

### Wednesday

- 8:30 **Rotordynamic Instability Explained and Vibration Damping Devices for Turbomachinery**, Dr. Vance, includes demonstrations of internal friction and aerodynamic negative damping, squeeze film dampers, wire mesh, and TAMSEALS™
- 10:30 **Application of squeeze film damper bearings**, Dr. Zeidan
- 1:30 **Torsional Vibrations Overview and Analysis**, Dr. Vance
- 3:30 **Rotordynamics Overview and API Requirements**, Dr. DeChoudhury

### Thursday

- 8:30 **Torsional Dynamics Overview Related to Transients**, Dr. DeChoudhury
- 10:30 **Introduction to Computer Modeling of Rotordynamics**, Dr. Murphy
- 1:30 **Computer Modeling of Transient Rotordynamics**, Dr. Murphy
- 3:30 **Computer simulation, API Lateral Analysis and interpretation of results**, Robert Eisenmann, Sr.

### Friday

- 8:30 **Making Analysis and Measurements Work Together**, Dr. Vance  
Case studies of an automotive turbocharger and an aircraft turbine engine
- 10:30 **Fluid Film Bearing Failures, Identification and Corrections**, Dr. Zeidan  
Journal and thrust bearing failures, identification and suggestions for correction

12:30 **Transient Vibration Data and Interpretation**, Robert Eisenmann, Sr.  
2:15 **Computer Modeling Demonstration**, Dr. Murphy

The course syllabus shown is based on the information available at the drafting of this outline.  
Instructors and/or course lectures may change.

### **TO REGISTER OR MORE INFORMATION**

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