

from the workshop

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area is now reduced to one floor of a single building. Even with the reduced number of vendors, you will still find well-known firms such as Witschi, Roxer, Greiner, Bergeon, Grobet, etc., that have wonderful displays to easily tempt any watchmaker who visits that area. Watchmakers, who visit the fair, must visit the tool and supplier displays at BASELWORLD and, of course, be equipped with a notepad to enumerate all of the tools they need to order. (Please see the three photos taken on the tool supplier floor that include a Bergeon display, a modern watchmaker's bench, and AWCI member Gerhard Loitz who was speaking with two colleagues.)

In 1994, there were numerous clock companies along with a plethora of tool and equipment suppliers at the fair. Now, only a handful of clock companies display at the fair and most of them are makers of individually made, very expensive clocks. The German clock companies no longer display at the fair. At one time, an entire building was devoted to tools, supplies and heavy equipment. For various reasons, that



Next year's BASELWORLD will take place March 8-15, 2012. You need to make plans now rather than later if you decide to visit BASELWORLD. Although Basel's hotels are notoriously expensive, forget about booking one at this late date. They are usually sold out for Baselworld several years in advance. We always stay in a small village hotel several miles away from Basel itself.