

SEW-EURODRIVE Foundation Awards 100,000 € Research Prize

Gear Unit Pioneer Prof. Dr.-Ing. Bernd-Robert Höhn Receives Ernst Blicke Prize 2006

Bruchsal, April 27, 2007: The Ernst Blicke Prize with its 100,000 Euro endowment was awarded today to Professor Bernd-Robert Höhn during an event held in Bruchsal Castle. The award was presented by the Chairman of the charitable SEW-EURODRIVE Foundation, Mr. Rainer Blicke.

Professor Höhn has made significant contributions to the area of gear unit technology with scientific work and pioneering ideas while working as a construction engineer and development manager at Audi AG and as a university professor and head of the Gear Research Center of the Institute for Machine Elements (FZG) at the Technical University of Munich. He is highly renowned nationally and internationally as a scientist and engineer.

In addition to his commitment to scientific associations concerned with gear unit technology, machine elements and general engineering issues, Professor Höhn represents an engineering-scientific achievement, in which entrepreneurial, scientific and social aspects are combined in exemplary fashion.

Baden-Württemberg's minister for economic affairs, Ernst Pfister, emphasized the significance of research and development in his opening address, recognizing the work of the SEW-EURODRIVE Foundation as an important contribution to the innovation culture of Baden-Württemberg. The Ernst

Blickle Prize is awarded for scientific work which is of special significance for the key industries of the state of Baden-Württemberg: Mechanical and electrical engineering.

The board of trustees of the SEW-EURODRIVE Foundation and Ernst Pfister congratulated Professor Höhn on the prize and acknowledged him as a role model and inspiring example for the new generation of scientists and engineers. 14 of them were awarded the Graduate Prize in the fields of electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and economics. "Engineers, researchers and scientists play a key role as carriers of innovation and technological visions. They would have to be the stars of our society, because, after all, new technology is the key to success," says Pfister.

The Foundation

Professor Höhn is the thirteenth winner of the research prize, which has been awarded by the SEW-EURODRIVE Foundation since 1991, in recognition of exceptional achievements. The charitable foundation was established by Edeltraut Blickle in 1989 in memory of her late husband Ernst Blickle, who died in 1986, his business acumen and his services to the companies in the SEW-EURODRIVE Group. To date, scientists from Austria, France, Germany, the USA and Switzerland have been honored with the Ernst Blickle Prize, among them Prof. Dr. Fred C. Lee from Virginia/USA, who received the award last year.

The company

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Prof. Dr.-Ing. Bernd-Robert Höhn is the recipient of the Ernst Blickle Prize 2006 and Head of the Gear Research Center of the Institute for Machine Elements (FZG) at the Technical University of Munich



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