

EOQ Press Release

Dr. Uwe Schweigert, the Award Winner of EOQ European Quality Leader 2014

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) has celebrated the winner of the European Quality Leader Award 2014 at the **59th EOQ Congress, in Athens/Greece on June 11th, 2015**.

The European Quality Leader (EQL) Award is yearly granted by EOQ. An EOQ 'Quality Leader' is a leader in an organization having succeeded in moving the organization to success for the different stakeholders through his leadership and through the change and Quality improvement processes, in its broadest sense, he has implemented directly through his team.

The EQL Award winner for 2014 is Dr. Uwe Schweigert from Germany, since 2007 CEO of Robert Bosch Fahrzeugelektrik Eisenach GmbH and Senior Vice President Production of Powertrain Sensors of Bosch Group worldwide. Dr. Uwe Schweigert was selected the winner of EQL award because of his significant and exceptional achievements in the field of automotive supply industry, sound national and international recognition and especially for successfully leading a worldwide production network with 15 production locations all over the world.

After having acquired a long experience in working as an expert in manufacturing and quality in automotive supply industry, starting as a senior consultant and scientific research engineer at Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technologies and Automation of Stuttgart and continuously strengthening his specific education, in the year 2007 Dr. Uwe Schweigert became the CEO of Robert Bosch Fahrzeugelektrik Eisenach GmbH and Senior Vice President Production of Powertrain Sensors of Bosch Group worldwide. As leader of the management team of the plant in Eisenach and through the implemented strategic development he secured the employment of about 2000 employees of Robert Bosch Fahrzeugelektrik Eisenach, Germany. He also set up a Centre of Competence to develop new production technologies for new products to secure the company's future with new businesses in Eisenach plant and in its international production network for automotive powertrain sensors with 15 manufacturing locations in 11 countries worldwide. His strong quality orientation was transposed into life by the set-up of a zero defect organization and of an international learning organization with monthly Quality and Engineering Yokotens and monthly exchange of production benchmarks. Through his intercultural management skills he succeeded to motivate the German leadplant team to train the staff in the international manufacturing locations as well as learning from their ideas.

Under the passionate and committed leadership of Dr. Uwe Schweigert, the work and efforts of Robert Bosch Fahrzeugelektrik team, have been crowned by several well-known national and external recognitions like Bosch Quality Prize 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, TPCA (Toyota Citroen Peugeot Automobile) Supplier Performance Award 2007 and 2011, European Excellence Award Finalist 2010, Ford JLRQ Award 2011, GM Supplier Excellence Award 2013, Volvo Quality Excellence Award 2013, GM Supplier Excellence Award 2014, Certificate „5 stars“ of EFQM 2014, Ludwig Erhard Prize 2014.

Apart from the company's high accomplishments reached under his leadership, the expertise in manufacturing and quality in automotive supply industry of Dr. Uwe Schweigert was valued by 7 patents about automation with industrial robots, more than 100 scientific publications and lectures held in Germany and abroad. He is an EFQM-assessor, leading member of automotive cluster at (Automotive Thüringen), member of VMET (Verband der Metall- und Elektroindustrie Thüringen), member of ACOD (Automotive Cluster Ostdeutschland) and member of the Advisory Council of the City of Eisenach.

The EOQ President, Mr. George Georgiades, handed over to the winner the European Quality Leader Trophy and Certificate during the Gala Dinner of the EOQ 59th EOQ Congress in Athens/Greece on June 11th, 2015.

The European Quality Leader Award is granted in recognition of outstanding individuals, who devote their time, energy and knowledge in sharing their beliefs to the benefit of the European Society.

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) associates more than 70,000 members and 500,000 companies within its member and partner organizations in Europe and worldwide. EOQ is the European interdisciplinary organization striving for effective improvement in the sphere of quality management as the coordinating body and catalyst of its Member Organizations aiming to improve European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense.

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