



**World Fair for Moldmaking and Tooling, Design and Application Development
November 29 – December 02, 2006, Exhibition Centre Frankfurt / Main, Germany**

EuroMold 2006 continues its successful performance and features a growing internationality as well as increasing exhibition space

Frankfurt/Main, December 13, 2006. EuroMold, World Fair for Moldmaking and Tooling, Design and Application Development, successfully took place for the 13th time from November 29 to December 02, 2006 at the Exhibition Centre Frankfurt/Main, Germany. For the first time this year, it has opened hall 5.1 in addition to hall 9.0, 8.0, 6.0, 6.1 and 5.0. Furthermore, EuroMold was once again able to live up to its reputation as a world fair due to its continually growing rate of international exhibitors and its increasing exhibition space. Despite the difficult economic situation and regressive trends of the branch, EuroMold performed particularly well with 1,674 exhibitors of 41 nations. Featuring 60,376 trade visitors, the organiser, DEMAT GmbH, recorded a decent plus of 0.8 % compared to the visitor numbers of the previous year.

VISITORS

EuroMold's successful performance was reflected by the high quality of trade visitors and by the dynamic fair atmosphere. At its 13th anniversary, the world fair recorded once again a decent plus of 0.8%, compared to the visitor numbers of 2005.

A total of 60,376 trade visitors of 72 nations (+3 nations compared to 2005) came to visit the exhibition, which signifies an even greater variety of countries regarding the EuroMold visitors.

43,216 of the visitors came from Germany, which corresponds to a percentage of 72%. The percentage of international visitors amounts to 28% and 17,160 international trade visitors. Therewith, featuring a growth rate of 27 % concerning trade visitors from foreign countries, EuroMold particularly increased its internationality.

EXHIBITORS

The 13th EuroMold was able to record a moderate plus concerning the exhibitor numbers and thus to continue its particularly successful performance and to meet the ambitious expectations. The world fair was even able to outbalance last year's outstanding result, featuring 1,674 exhibitors (a plus of 54 exhibitors compared to 2005), among them 1,045 German exhibitors (a minus of 24 German exhibitors compared to 2005) and 629 international exhibitors (a plus of 78 foreign exhibitors compared to 2005). Thus, the strong growth of international exhibitors is to be particularly highlighted.

Moreover, the world fair expanded its exhibition surface to a total of 80,050 sqm, which signifies a plus of 2,919 sqm compared to the previous year.

Internationality of the exhibitors

The total number of international exhibitors has considerably increased compared to last year's rate, with a plus of 78 international exhibitors. The percentage of international participants has thus increased by 4.8 percentage points to a total of 38.8 %.

The international exhibitors are arranged as follows:

The leading nation within the category of international exhibitors was for the first time China with 21.3 % of the foreign participants, followed by Italy as second exhibitor country with 13.0 % and Turkey with 5.3 %. Switzerland provided 4.5 % of the foreign exhibitors, the UK and the U.S.A. 4.2 % respectively, followed by South Korea providing 4.0 % of the participants. Further 3.8 % were of Spanish origin, 3.7 % came from Hong Kong and 3.5 % from Taiwan. The Netherlands and Austria follow with 3.4 % respectively and India with 3.2 %.

2.9 % of the participants were French, 2.6 % Portuguese, 2.8% came from Singapore, 1.8% were Belgian, 1.6 % from Czech Republic and 1.3 % respectively were Danish and Polish. Finland and Pakistan provided 1.0% of the international exhibitors, Greece, Sweden, Slovenia 0.8 % respectively. Canada's participants account for 0.6 %, Israel, Japan, Malaysia for 0.6 % each and Romania as well as Hungary for 0.3 % each. The smallest quota, with 0.2 % of the international exhibitors is contributed by each of the following nations: Armenia, Bulgaria, Iran, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Thailand, UAE and Ukraine.

Exhibitors according to product areas

EuroMold's exhibitors represented the product areas along the entire process chain "From Design to Prototyping to Series Production". Moldmaking and Tooling remains the central product area with 27.9 %, followed by Modelling and Prototyping with 9.1 %, Engineering with 8.4%, Design with 7.8 %, Rapid Prototyping and Tooling with 7.6 % as well as Tools with 7.5%. Exhibitors of the domains Software and Hardware account for 7.3%, Machine Tools for 6.1% and Materials for 5.8 %. 3.5 % of the exhibitors are working in the area of Quality Assurance and Automation, 2.6 % in Processing and Finishing and 1.7 % in Coating. The product area Accessories accounts for 1.4 %, and 3.3 % work in other product areas. Multiple entries concerning the classification of exhibitor's product areas were possible.

EuroMold AWARD 2006

The applauded innovative prize EuroMold AWARD was handed over by Prof. Dr. h.c. Lothar Späth within the solemn context of the Exhibition Party on Thursday, November 30, 2006. The prize has been awarded for the 9th time this year for silk ribbon of excellence, exemplary products and services, such as turnarounds, improvements in the field of manufacturing processes, market strategies or organisational structures that represent the wide power spectrum of EuroMold, according to its motto "From Design to Prototyping to Series Production". The winners have been selected by a highly qualified neutral expert jury of renowned representatives of industry, economy and press. In the selection procedure, the jury judges every single submission and decides whether it meets the determining eligibility criteria for being awarded, as for example concerning customer utility and international competitiveness, energy-saving criteria and environmentally sound technology, and, of course, grade of innovation and synergetic effects.

The first prize, the **Golden AWARD**, was conferred on the company WSN Werkzeug Sondermaschinen Neuhaus GmbH & Co. KG for the development of an acupuncture needle dispenser.

The **Silver AWARD** was given to Alfred Hermann GmbH & Co. KG for their development of the "bodybuddy" - the streetstepper. The „bodybuddy“ is an innovative vehicle, moved by the muscle power of its driver. Due to its highly efficient automatic gear, the stepper bike can achieve the speed of a city bike.

Leonhardt Graveurbetriebe, in cooperation with Mold Masters Europa GmbH, was awarded the third prize, the **Bronze AWARD**, for their ceramic gate sealing in a hotrunner injector nozzle.

Subsequent to the awarding ceremony, a donation of 5,000.- €, consisting of the attendance fee of the participants, has been given to Sabine Horneff of the charitable organisation SOS Kinderdorf e.V. by Dr.-Ing. Eberhard Döring, Exhibition Management EuroMold and Prof. Dr. h.c. Lothar Späth, former Prime Minister of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg.

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