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Record attendance at the 12th RoundTable in Bamberg, the Users Conference on "Simulation in Bulk Metal Forming Technology"

More than 160 international specialists of the forming branch met in Bamberg to exchange about latest trends and possibilities in forming simulation

Hamburg, November 9th, 2010 – Simufact Engineering GmbH, a leading provider of software and services in the area of bulk metal forming announced today, that this year's RoundTable attracted a record number of more than 160 participants to Bamberg to the 12th annual user conference of the company, to Bamberg. The experts of the forming industry met from September 27th - 30th to learn about the latest trends in forming simulation and to discuss current tendencies of the branch. Due to the international orientation of this year's RoundTable, the percentage of attendees from abroad was over 30%, among them guests from the USA, Brazil, Poland, Turkey, Russia, India, China, Thailand and Japan. Even if some of the traditional participants of the RoundTable could not attend this year due to urgent project work, the company was more than pleased with the success of the conference.

Due to the global orientation of the company, also the presentations coming from industry and research / science had an international focus. They illustrated a broad field of forming simulation applications from various industry areas such as forging, rolling, cold massive forming, mechanical joining, incremental processes, sheet metal forming, simulation and project management and much more. In addition to presentations of the latest version of Simufact.forming and an outlook to future software developments, the papers offered interesting insights into current projects and solutions in forming simulation. The presentations came from alutec Metallwaren GmbH & Co. KG, Daido Steel Co. Ltd, SMS Meer GmbH, BURGER Automation Technology GmbH, ABP Induction Systems GmbH, Vico Products, Luk USA LLC Schaeffler Group Automotive, as well as from many renowned universities. Dr. Thomas Herlan from HERLANCO international metalworking network GmbH presented an interesting overview about the economic conditions of the branch in his keynote speech.

"We are happy to have contributed to the success of this year's Roundtable by giving a presentation," said Dr. Kunding Wang Principal FEA Analyst, Luk USA LLC, Schaeffler Group, winner of this year's best paper award. "Our main interest is in the further development of our product technology through the virtual manufacturing process layout and the virtual product performance evaluation. In this sense, Simufact.forming has become an essential part of our product development process and innovation strategy. The RoundTable offered an excellent discussion platform for the international experts of the branch to exchange innovative ideas, define future needs and explore creative solutions."

„This year’s RoundTable gave the attendees a broad overview about the possibilities in virtual product design and the upcoming trends in our industry,” said Dr. Theodor L. Tutmann, managing director Industrieverband Massivumformung e. V. „Simulation and everything related to this topic constantly gains importance in the forming industry. The passed crisis has shown us how important energy and material savings as well as development efficiency are to be competitive. Process simulation opens new ways to achieve this and has a great potential. ”

„The feedback we received for this year’s RoundTable was overwhelming,” said Michael Wohlmuth, managing director, Simufact Engineering GmbH. „This year we welcomed 160 participants from many different countries in Bamberg and established the 12th RoundTable as an international platform for the exchange of experiences. In 2010 Simufact could also celebrate its 15th company anniversary. Since its foundation in 1985 our company grew from a local CAE provider to an international development partner with offices and reseller all over the world. We are proud about this development and growth “

The 12th RoundTable not only showed a remarkable growth in participants – also the technology show case of partners has been bigger than ever before. With companies such as SMS Meer GmbH, MSC.Software Corporation, Siempelkamp Maschinen- und Anlagenbau GmbH & Co. KG, ABP Induction Systems GmbH, Schubert Maschinen- und Anlagenbau GmbH, Rüdiger Ott Software und Service GmbH, HERLANCO international metalworking network GmbH, Montanuniversität Leoben, Intel GmbH, DELTA Computer Products GmbH, Industrieverband Massivumformung e.V. (IMU), Schuler Pressen GmbH & Co. KG, and PRESSTEC Pressentechnologie GmbH, numerous companies and organizations presented their solutions and offerings.

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The Hamburg, Germany based Simufact Engineering GmbH supports its customers as a solution provider for production technology, offering optimization and production process design by process simulation. In addition, Simufact Engineering GmbH provides optimization of formed parts through structural analysis. With Simufact.forming, Simufact Engineering GmbH generates and markets a global industry solution for metal forming. The company also specializes in service, offering individual solutions to customers’ production problems using state-of-the-art CAE tools. Training and technical support for software use complete Simufact’s offerings. Simufact customers come from all areas of bulk metal forming technology: forging, cold massive forming, rolling, sheet metal forming and mechanical joining. For more information, please visit www.simufact.com.

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