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New vice-chair for CATRENE

The recently-launched Eureka Cluster for Application and Technology Research on NanoElectronics (Catrene) has named Werner Mohr as vice-chairman for the cluster program, effective immediately.



Abbildung 4.01: Werner Mohr

Werner Mohr, born October 8, 1947 in Prien am Chiemsee, Germany, graduated with a Ph.D. in physics at Munich Technical University. In 1979, he entered the Semiconductor division of Siemens AG and started his career as engineer for process and product engineering, later as head of manufacturing engineering. In 1997, he was appointed Vice President of the Frontends in Munich, Regensburg and Villach/Austria, and of the Mask House in Munich.

With the foundation of Infineon Technologies AG in 1999, Werner Mohr assumed the position of Senior Vice President of Corporate Frontends and was, as such, member in a number of affiliated Supervisory Boards and Boards of Directors outside of Germany. Since 2002, he was nominated member of the SEMI European Advisory Board, and recently member of the SEMI Russian Advisory Committee.

At the end of May, Mohr retired from Infineon Technologies AG (Munich, Germany) where he assumed the position of senior vice president of corporate frontends and was, as such, member in a number of affiliated supervisory boards and boards of directors outside of Germany.

His excellence and his international experience ensure that he will be an essential pillar in the CATRENE organisation and in supporting the European Semiconductor and Electronic Industry.

In February, Catrene strengthened its management team with the appointments of Enrico Villa as Catrene

chairman and Jacques Dulongpont as Catrene office director (ref. edacentrum Newsletter 02/08). (Su)

[1] *Anne-Francoise Pele, EE Times Europe, <http://eetimes.eu/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=208700320>*

[2] *<http://www.catrene.org/web/communication/releases.php?phpMyAdmin=6c6221b136602e5da9407c625eec428c>*

SMEs, real winners in the MEDEA+-programme

The MEDEA+-programme has proven to be an ideal frame for the integration of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) into the industrial landscape. Drawing on the major successes of the MEDEA+-programme, Enrico Villa, Chairman of MEDEA+ and CATRENE, highlighted: "Partner groups in MEDEA+ are quite balanced: one third are large companies, one third universities and institutes and one third are SMEs. The majority of the corresponding 200 SMEs are involved in two or more projects. On average, around 100 SMEs per year have dedicated engineering resources to MEDEA+ projects, with each SME providing between 3 and 5 person-years per year and this throughout the whole 8 years of the MEDEA+-programme. With 51 % participation and 45 % contribution of involved SME resources, the French SMEs are the champions in this partner group".

The Chairman went on to highlight that SMEs are attracted to three work-areas in particular: lithography with 16 % of all SME person-years spent, electronic design automation with 21 % and next generation CMOS process technology with 29 %. He concluded: "During the past two decades, structural changes in the economy have created essential opportunities for SMEs. They are dynamic, flexible and quickly adapt to new situations, employing the advantages of niche markets and frequently aiming at being involved in or even producing specialised products. Most of their innovation power is based on IPs and patents that can be securely exploited within the frame of MEDEA+ projects. We welcome and encourage SMEs to further enhance their engagement in the new CATRENE programme".

SMEs, defined as having fewer than 250 employees and an annual turnover not exceeding 50 M€, are forming a major part of Europe's economy. Around 23 million SMEs in the European Union are providing some 75 million jobs and represent 99 % of all enterprises. SMEs, being the key part of Europe's industry, are an efficient source for job creation and innovation, and as



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