

VDMA Power Transmission Engineering Association Board Meeting in Limburg

On April 6th/7th 2016, Harmonic Drive AG hosted the board meeting of the Power Transmission Engineering Association of the German Engineering Federation (Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau, VDMA). The 16 participants, who represent Germany's leading makers of drive technology, discussed ongoing topics like Industrie 4.0 as well as current developments, such as market prognoses, upcoming trade fairs and foreign-economic changes.



HDAG CEO Ekrem Sirman (2nd from right) welcomed the board of the VDMA Power Transmission Engineering Association to Limburg.

The meeting was opened by an evening talk by Helmut Schmid, Universal Robots General Manager DACH & Benelux, on "Collaborative Robotics". The industry expects that the development in the robotics sector will have major effects on the drive technology business.

The main topics of the meeting were, in the field of foreign market relations, the relationship to the USA concerning the TTIP agreement and its role as partner country of the Hannover Messe 2016, as well as the economic opening of Iran, which the VDMA actively supports.

The question behind Industrie 4.0, how "intelligence can be put into products", is seen as a major challenge for the suppliers by the participants. The board discussed existing processes and new developments for controlling the production in an electronic and intelligent way.

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On the topic of “Industrial Engineering Business Forecast 2016”, the results of the Drive Technology Trend Survey were presented, according to which the industry is expecting zero growth in 2016, as it already was in 2015.

Finally, preparations were made concerning the joint meeting of the board and economic committee of the Power Transmission Engineering and the Fluid Technology Associations on November 10th in Berlin, which will take place as part of the VDMA members’ meeting there on November 10th/11th.

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