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Presentation of 17th Heinz Dürr Innovation Award

Bietigheim-Bissingen, April 27, 2018 – Dürr has presented the Heinz Dürr Innovation Award for the 17th time. This year, patron and Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Dr.-Ing. E.h. Heinz Dürr, once again presented the innovation award for outstanding achievements by employee teams. Five of the 18 applicant teams won the coveted prize.

By presenting the award, Dürr recognizes innovative employee contributions to the company's competitiveness. This year's winners included a Schenck team that has developed a solution for the automatic unbalance correction of passenger car wheels. Another prize was given for HOMAG's intelliGuide software, which enables even untrained production staff to operate panel dividing saws. Also developed by a HOMAG team is an automated process for destacking wood panels. In the field of automotive painting, one of the Heinz Dürr Innovation Awards was presented to the developers of the **Eco**RP E043i robot, whose flexible hips make it almost as mobile as a human. Another paint systems innovation is the **Eco**Docu system for digital technical documentation. It displays production information on the PC or tablet in any language required.

Each of the five winning teams receives \in 7,500 in prize money and is introduced, along with its innovation, in a short video lasting around 2.5 minutes.

All videos can be found on our website www.durr-group.com.

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- Application Technology: robot technologies for the automated application of paint, sealants and adhesives
- Clean Technology Systems: exhaust-air purification systems and energy efficiency technology
- **Measuring and Process Systems:** balancing equipment as well as assembly, testing and filling technology
- Woodworking Machinery and Systems: machinery and equipment for the woodworking industry

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