



# FACTORY OF THE YEAR

PENTA HOTEL,  
LEIPZIG, GERMANY

# PROGRAM

32<sup>ND</sup> FACTORY OF THE YEAR  
CONGRESS  
14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

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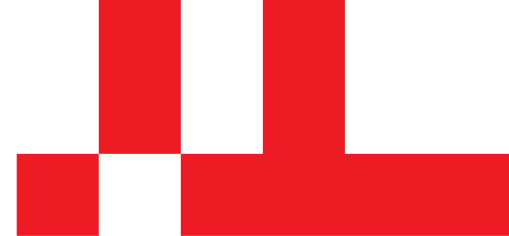
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Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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- 8:30 a.m. Arrival of the participants and Welcome Coffee
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- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Address**  
*Claus Wilk*, Editor-in-Chief magazines, *mi connect*, *Daniel Stengel*, Director, *Kearney* and *Franziska Blume*, Division Manager, *Süddeutscher Verlag Veranstaltungen GmbH*  
**Moderation:** *Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dipl.-Wirt. Ing. Günther Schuh*, Managing Director at the Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering WZL of RWTH Aachen University, Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology IPT, Director of the Research Institute for Rationalization (FIR) at RWTH Aachen University
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- 9:45 a.m. **Keynote: Upgrade Circular Economy – Sustainable. Resilient. Profitable**  
*Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dipl.-Wirt. Ing. Günther Schuh*
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- 10:15 a.m. **Automation and digitalization – shaping future-proof production with innovation**  
*Daniel Stengel*, Director & Project Manager Factory of the Year, *Kearney*
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- 10:45 a.m. **Keynote: Porsche Production. We make dreams come true. Smart. Lean. Green.**  
*Albrecht Reimold*, Member of the Executive Board Production and Logistics, *Porsche AG*
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- 11:15 a.m. Coffee break and visit to the trade exhibition
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- 11:45 a.m. **Winner Category GEO AWARD**  
**The energy transition as a driver of growth**  
*Dr. Thorsten Fugel*, Local Division Manager, *ELDS Germany*, *ABB AG*, *Ratingen*
- 
- 12:15 p.m. **Winner Category Excellent transformation: site**  
**3 Cultures, 2 Brands, 1 Team**  
*Santiago Jurado*, Chief Quality Officer, *COMPAS Aguascalientes*, *Mexico*
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- 12:45 p.m. **Q&A**  
*Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dipl.-Wirt. Ing. Günther Schuh*, *Daniel Stengel*, *Dr. Thorsten Fugel* and *Santiago Jurado*
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- 1:00 p.m. Lunch break and visit to the trade exhibition
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- 2:30 p.m. **Winner Category Outstanding Digitalization & Automation**  
**Innovative automation & digitalization as success factors**  
*Markus Kaiser*, Head of Production, *Jörg Abele*, Head of Production Technology and *Bernd Kaufner*, Managing Director, *Coburg plant*, *Brose Fahrzeugteile SE & Co. KG*
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- 3:00 p.m. **AI: Transforming Sustainability Risk Management in Manufacturing & Supply Chains**  
*Koray Köse*, Chief Industry Officer, *everstream Analytics* and *Prof. Christian Heinrich*, CEO, Founder, *Carbmee*
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- 3:30 p.m. Coffee break and visit to the trade exhibition
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- 4:00 p.m. **Expert Talk on the topic of Digitalization and Automation**  
**Moderation:** *Anja Ringel*, editor ‚Produktion‘  
**Participants:** *Meltem Kandemir*, Manager, *Kearney*, *Lena Weirauch*, *ai-omatic solutions GmbH*, *Pia Sczesny*, *Voith Turbo* and *Bernd Kaufner*, *Brose Fahrzeugteile SE & Co. KG*, *Coburg plant*
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- 4:45 p.m. **Start-up Challenge**
  - The best startups pitch their solutions for Production.
  - The congress participants vote via APP who presented the best solution.**Moderation:** *Daniel Stengel*, Director, *Kearney*, *Dr. Eva Sonnenmoser*, State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg, *InnoLab\_bw* and *Prof. Dr.-Ing. Steffen Ihlenfeldt*, Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology, *IWU*, *Chemnitz*
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- 5:30 p.m. **Announcement and presentation of the Startup Award**
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- 5:45 p.m. **End of first congress day**
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- 6:30 p.m. **Departure Evening Event**
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- 7:00 p.m. **Evening Event & Awards Ceremony**  
*Süddeutscher Verlag Veranstaltungen GmbH* and *Kearney* cordially invite you to a classy evening reception and dinner with awards ceremony at the vintage car museum *DA CAPO*.  
**Moderation:** *Katrin Müller-Hohenstein*



Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome coffee in the trade exhibition**
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- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome address, Second congress day**  
*Claus Wilk, Editor-in-Chief magazines, mi connect und*  
*Franziska Blume, Division Manager, Süddeutscher Verlag Veranstaltungen GmbH*  
**Moderation:**  
*Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Bauernhansl, Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation IPA, Institute of Industrial Manufacturing and Management IFF – University of Stuttgart*
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- 9:15 a.m. **Keynote: Productivity 2.0 – automation of automation**  
*Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Bauernhansl*
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- 9:45 a.m. **Keynote: Hydrogen in production – a building block on the road to CO<sub>2</sub> neutrality**  
*Stefan Fenchel, Project Manager Green Plant, BMW Group Plant Leipzig*
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- 10:15 a.m. **Winner Category Outstanding series production**  
**Achieving success together with continuous improvement**  
*Ralf Mitterer, Location Manager, ifm efector s.r.l., Romania*
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- 10:45 a.m. **Coffee break and visit to the trade exhibition**
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- 11:15 a.m. **Winner Category Outstanding Small Series Production**  
**Innovative technology that connects people‘**  
We are shaping the future of security and communication - reliable, innovative and solution-oriented at the Teisnach system location  
*Florian Bielmeier, Plant Manager, Rohde & Schwarz GmbH & Co. KG, Teisnach plant*
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- 11:45 a.m. **Q&A**  
*Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Bauernhansl, Florian Bielmeier und Ralf Mitterer*
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- 12:00 p.m. **Winner Factory of the Year**  
**The Porsche plant in Leipzig: a portrait of the „Factory of the Year 2023“**  
*Gerd Rupp, Chairman of the Management Board, Porsche Leipzig GmbH*
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- 12:30 p.m. **Q&A**  
*Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Bauernhansl, Daniel Stengel und Gerd Rupp*
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- 12:45 p.m. **Lunch & Visit to the trade exhibition**
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- 2:00 p.m. **Departure Plant Tour**
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- 2:30 p.m. **Plant tour**  
**The Porsche plant in Leipzig: an economic engine with a wide range of activities**



The Porsche plant in Leipzig started production in 2002 as the second Porsche production site alongside the headquarters in Stuttgart- Zuffenhausen. Zuffenhausen started production. Today, the plant is an important economic driver and employer in the region of Central Germany. More than 4,400 employees produce the Macan and Panamera models here. In the future three drive types - electric, hybrid and combustion - can be manufactured flexibly on one line in Leipzig. The plant operates a near-natural grazing concept on the 132-hectare off-road site. The plant has received several awards for its sustainable approach. Porsche also sees itself as a partner to society. In the The sports car manufacturer is involved in the areas of education, culture, social affairs, sport and the environment in the Leipzig region.



# EVENT INFORMATION

**Event Date:**

Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15, 2024

**The participation fee for the congress is:**

CONGRESS PRESENCE with factory tour (March, 14 and 15, 2024): € 1980\*.

\* plus VAT.

**The participation fee includes the following services for the congress:**

- Participation in the entire congress
- digital congress documentation
- lunch and refreshments during the breaks
- Participation in the evening event with awards ceremony on March 14, 2024
- Visit plant Porsche Leipzig with bus transfer

**Venue:**

Pentahotel Leipzig, Grosser Brockhaus 3, 04103 Leipzig, Germany

**We have arranged discounted call-off contingents for you at the following hotels:**

**Pentahotel Leipzig**

Grosser Brockhaus 3, 04103 Leipzig (Deutschland)  
Tel: +49 (0)341 1292-116  
Accommodation: 139,- Euro

**H4 Hotel Leipzig**

Schongauer Straße 39, 04329 Leipzig  
Accommodation: 119,- Euro

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