

Thiel Logistik AG supports first International German Science Award for Logistics

Grevenmacher (Luxemburg) – Thiel Logistik AG supports the International German Science Award for Logistics, which was presented for the first time this year. The new award succeeds the former German Science Award for Logistics. With this award the German Logistics Association (Bundesvereinigung Logistik - BVL) recognizes innovative scientific work with a high practical benefit and use for the industry.

The award ceremony will take place at the 24th German Logistics Congress in Berlin, already for the 16th time. On October 19, 2007, Professor Michael Schenk, Chairman of the jury and Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Factory Operation and Automation (IFF), Magdeburg/Germany, and Klaus Hrazdira, Chief Operating Officer of the business segment Solutions of Thiel Logistik AG, will award the prize. The award carries cash prizes of Euro 10,000 for the laureate as well as another Euro 10,000 for the supervising institute.

Logistics as an innovation driver

“We even have two excellent reasons for our sponsoring”, explains Klaus Hrazdira. “First, we understand logistics as an innovation driver. Any improvement and further development – be it in IT, engineering or in process sequence – does not only advance one’s own company but the entire logistics industry and economy in general. Second, in 1992 Dr. Stephan Freichel was the first to receive this award. As Member of the Board of the Thiel subsidiary Microlog AG he joined the Group in 2004 and has been Head of the business unit Industrial Goods in the Thiel business segment Solutions since July this year – which brings us full circle from the entry to the prize to the award ceremony.”

Application in practice

Practical relevance is the top criterion when awarding the prize. The academic works that were entered and that are also officially admitted in English for the new award, are supposed to rapidly prove their worth in the daily routine. This has not changed since the contribution made by the first laureate, Dr. Stephan Freichel. "15 years ago, networking of logistics providers in the form of collaborations or through concentration had only just started. New, effective organizational structures had to be established for it," reminisces Dr. Freichel. "At the time, my scientific work contributed to solving organizational-structural problems in strategic management."

Three promising finalists

Five out of the 15 entries this year have an international focus. The jury, chaired by Professor Michael Schenk, selected three of the entrants for the final: Dr. Axel Wagenitz from Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics (IML) / business modeling (Dortmund), Dr. Christian M. Meyer from Draeger Medical AG (Lübeck), and Dr.-Ing. Marc Schleyer from Karlsruhe University.

Information on Thiel Logistik AG

As an external partner, Thiel Logistik AG, Grevenmacher (Luxembourg), develops a comprehensive range of logistics and service solutions for trade and industry. In 2006, the Group generated sales of EUR 1.89 billion and currently employs approximately 8,500 staff in 43 countries. Thiel Logistik operates in main markets worldwide and has over 350 locations across all continents. With its three business segments Solutions (customer-orientated contract logistics solutions), Air & Ocean (global air and ocean freight forwarding activities) and Road & Rail (land and special transportation activities in Central, Western and Eastern Europe), Thiel Logistik AG is one of the market leaders.

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