

TU9 University picks up Deutscher Zukunftspreis

Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier honors team led by Professor Dr.-Ing. Sami Haddadin from Leibniz Universität Hannover for the development of innovative robot assistance systems

Berlin, November 30, 2017 – On Wednesday evening, and for the second year in succession, the €250,000 prize money was awarded to representatives of a TU9 University at the Kraftwerk venue in Berlin.

The winning team, consisting of Professor Dr.-Ing. Sami Haddadin, head of the Institute of Automatic Control at Leibniz Universität Hannover, Dr. med. (Univ. Debrecen) Simon Haddadin and Dipl.-Inf. (FH) Sven Parusel from the Munich-based company Franka Emika, won the jury's vote with a new generation of robot assistants. These are designed to help and ease the burden for people in a wide range of situations, and can also be used to aid nursing staff in patient care as well as factory employees.

Another TU9 University, TU Dresden, had already received the award in 2016. Back then, it went to Professor Dr.-Ing. Manfred Curbach, Professor Dr.-Ing. habil. Dipl.-Wirt. Ing. Chokri Cherif and Professor Dr.-Ing. habil. Peter Offermann for their work in developing carbon concrete.

The Deutsche Zukunftspreis is the Federal President's award for technology and information. It was first presented in 1997 and honors innovative application-oriented achievements in the technical, natural and engineering sciences which have economic potential.

For more information along with images and content related to the winning project, see: www.deutscher-zukunftspreis.de.

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