

## Press Release



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## Walter Zulauf elected as new Chairman of EUnited Robotics

**Brussels, 08 December 2016** - At the EUnited Robotics members' assembly on Thursday, December 8, 2016, Walter Zulauf, Director of Technology at Güdel Group AG, was elected as the new Chairman of EUnited Robotics for the next three years. Walter Zulauf will succeed Henrik A. Schunk (CEO, Schunk GmbH & Co. KG) who held the position for the last 6 years. Schunk, who is keen on continuing his contributions to EUnited Robotics, was elected as Vice-Chairman. Wilfried Eberhardt (Chief Marketing Officer, KUKA AG) was elected, for a second term, as Vice-Chairman of the EUnited Robotics. Wilfried Eberhardt currently also serves as President of the umbrella organization, EUnited aisbl.

In his tenure as Chairman, Henrik Schunk substantially transformed EUnited Robotics' profile establishing it as the European robotics industry association with clear vision, mission and goals. He played an indispensable role in creating closer ties with the European Commission. And, he was instrumental in gathering experts and key players at the first European Robotics Summit in 2015, which initiated an open exchange on issues of concern for the robotics industry in Europe and set the course for future exchanges.

As the new EUnited Robotics Chairman, Walter Zulauf will continue the work on key trends that will shape the future of our industry. The company Güdel was one of the founding members of EUnited Robotics in 2004. Walter Zulauf has been with Güdel since 1990 and as a close associate of the late Rudolf Güdel he has been strongly involved in all EUnited Robotics activities for many years.

"I am delighted to be elected as the new chairman of EUnited Robotics and look forward to continue working with all of you," said Walter Zulauf at the EUnited Robotics Members' Assembly on December 8th.

**EUnited Robotics**, European Robotics Association, was founded in 2004 by major European robot manufacturers.

EUnited Robotics serves as a platform for manufacturers, component suppliers, and system integrators of robotics in Europe, creating a network of industry leaders.

EUnited Robotics is the robotics industries' voice in Europe representing the robot suppliers' view on industry issues and R&D&I policies.

The association is also a cooperation platform among all robotics stakeholders – from research institutes to national associations and customers.

**Members:** ABB (Sweden), BlueBotics (Switzerland), COMAU (Italy), EROWA (Switzerland), F&P Robotics (Switzerland), Güdel (Switzerland), ISRA Vision (Germany), KUKA (Germany), Schunk (Germany), Stäubli Faverges (France), Spinea (Slovakia).

**Cooperation partners:** Fraunhofer IPA (Germany) and Technische Universität München (Germany).

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