

## **ECPE European Center for Power Electronics e.V. The 5<sup>th</sup> ECPE e.V. General Meeting elected its new Board of Directors**

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In the course of the last General Meeting, just after the recent PCIM exhibition in



Prof. Dr. Leo Lorenz

Nuremberg, the members of ECPE European Center for Power Electronics e.V. re-elected all Board Members for the next 2 years. Prof. Dr. Leo Lorenz (Infineon Technologies) is the former and new President of ECPE e.V.. Dr. Heinrich Heilbronner (Semikron International) and Dr. Richard Veith (EPCOS) are elected again as Vice President for the next period. Dr. Albert Wick (Siemens) as Treasurer, Dr. Bernhard Rauscher (STMicroelectronics) as Secretary and Michel Arpilliere (Schneider Toshiba Inverter Europe) as a new Board Member complete the new Board of Directors of the registered association. Major achievements during the past period were the successful installation of the European Power Electronics Network and the start of key research projects. The main targets for the next 2 years are the further broadening of the network throughout Europe and the definition of a medium and long-term technology roadmap for Power Electronics.

ECPE is the Industrial and Research Network for Power Electronics in Europe with focus on “Pre-competitive Research”, “Advanced Education & Training” and “Public Relations & Lobbying”. ECPE has set up a system of industry-funded joint research where the industry defines the research topics. Leading European Universities and Research Centers, so-called Competence Centers, are driving the research topics. These ECPE Competence Centers are currently working on 3 demonstrator programs for “System Integrated Drive for Hybrid Traction in Automotive”, “Industrial Drives-System Integration” and “Power Supplies with Ultra-High Power Density”. There is a close cooperation between the European based university network and the industry partners. The new implemented industry expert boards together with the research scientists form a strong team in driving multi-disciplinary future power electronics systems. Furthermore, ECPE offers a WEB-based online training course for Power Electronics which is free for ECPE members and European Universities. European companies and associations can become a member of ECPE e.V. and enjoy the numerous advantages of the Power Electronics Network. More info at [www.ecpe.org](http://www.ecpe.org).

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