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The buzz: “While optimism prevails, companies have achieved varying degrees of success in implementing Industry 4.0” (mckinsey.com, 2016). You want to deliver on the Industry 4.0 vision. Great! You’ll need digital transformation, especially in an existing facility, including automation, integration, and optimization of processes and manufacturing lines. Straightforward? Not! Transformation can span multiple solutions, plus onboarding and connectivity of multiple equipment, including brownfield, from numerous vendors. To be successful, you need a common agreement among vendors over standardiz

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Featured Guests



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Dr. Christian Liedtke is a Mechanical Engineer by education. He is currently the Head of Strategic Alliances for one of the world’s largest manufacturers of industrial robots, the KUKA AG in Augsburg, Germany. Before joining KUKA in 2017, he was the CEO of a small consulting company, opexco GmbH, located close to Augsburg, Germany, for almost four years. Prior to that, he acted as COO of a medium-sized consulting company, MR Plan, in Donauwoerth, Germany, for two years. Before turning towards consulting, Christian worked as a Vice President of Operations in production and plant management for two companies for a combined eight years – Viscom AG in Hanover, Germany and Heye International GmbH

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Gerd Hoppe

Gerd Hoppe works currently in the Executive Management of Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG. He earned a degree of engineering in Signal Transmission Theory from the Technical University of Dortmund and worked in different fields of work both in R&D as well as in Marketing and Sales. For nearly 5 years, he built and was responsible for the North America operation of Beckhoff and resided in the US. In his current position, he is responsible for General Management, Global Accounts, Strategic Technology Consulting, Legal and IP Management and works with clients covering their global needs and requirements in Automation Technology. His employment with Beckhoff reaches back 25 years, in prior o

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