SCHWEIGHOFER PRIZE

Schweighofer Prize starts Call for Proposals
€ 300,000 for Innovations in the European Forest Based Sector

Starting at November 1, 2008 the Austrian Schweighofer family is again looking outstanding achievements in the European Forest Based Sector. The prestigious Schweighofer Prize is endowed with total prize money of € 300,000.

The Schweighofer Prize was funded in 2002 by the Austrian Schweighofer family, which owns one of the leading woodworking companies in Europe.

This prize is unique throughout Europe. The Schweighofer Prize is endowed with € 300,000 and addresses everybody who contributes to a competitive and sustainable European Forest Based Sector, without regard to position, training or age of the candidates. The scope of topics covers the whole Forest-Wood-Chain, including cooperation, services and training. Only pulp and paper issues are excluded.

The jury of the Schweighofer Prize puts specific emphasis on a European dimension of the candidate's achievements and focuses on applied research and development projects. Furthermore a close co operation between science and industry is advantageous.

From November 1, 2008 to February 2, 2009 it is possible to submit proposals and nominations.

The prize money is divided between one Main Prize and several Innovation Prizes.
The Main Prize pays tribute to people or organisations that play an important role in the European Forest Based Sector. Their outstanding achievements set already milestones and are an example for pioneering spirit and sense for future challenges.
The Innovation Prizes serve as an impetus for innovative concepts in the early stage of development or implementation.

The forthcoming Schweighofer Prize will be presented in June 18, 2009 in Vienna/Austria. As a perfect complement the Forest Technology Platform will organise an Innovation Workshop in the course of the event.

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