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**Intelligent technical systems – at the FMB**

Change occurs fast in industry and the signs are pointing to an even greater increase in speed. Today, there is hardly any company which is not concerned with the issue of digitisation and Industry 4.0 – driven by the knowledge or the realisation that leaps in technology are lying ahead. It is also virtually impossible to overlook the range of events dealing with this key topic and “4.0” has already been added to almost every term used in manufacturing technology.

Trade visitors coming to FMB can find out specific details on this subject. As in previous years, the Leading-edge Cluster “Intelligente Technische Systeme – it’s OWL” will be represented at the event with a large stand of its own.

The technology network “Intelligente technische Systeme Ostwestfalen-Lippe” (it’s OWL) is regarded nationwide as one of the major initiatives for Industry 4.0 with regard to small and medium-sized enterprises. Companies and research institutes have been developing solutions for intelligent products and production processes. This collaboration will now be continued with the support of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). The key issues concern artificial intelligence, smart services and tomorrow’s work environment. Small and medium-sized companies in particular can harness new technologies in transfer projects in order to find solutions to concrete problems and tasks in the face of digital change.

Universities, Fraunhofer institutes and the Centre of Excellence “Digital in NRW” will be showcasing new technologies for industrial application at the joint “It’s OWL” stand. This will enable visitors to the fair to gain an impression of specific best practice examples for digitisation in industry and to engage in discussions with the developers thereof. Moreover, many large and smaller companies in the region involved in “It’s OWL” projects will be represented in Bad Salzuflen with their own stands.

Visitors to the event will obtain more in-depth information on successful digitisation projects on the third day of the show. The programme of talks and lectures held on this day has traditionally been organised by the Leading-edge Cluster. However, there will already be talks on issues of Industry 4.0 for practical applications on day two as well, for instance concerning state-of-the-art production and factory planning (Leannova), the application of robots in SMEs (Kawasaki Robotics) and on data consistency along the value chain in the field of switchgear engineering (Wago).

All in all, visitors to the show will be provided with multi-faceted opportunities to acquaint themselves with ideas and examples from the Industry 4.0 environment and to take away ideas for their own design engineering and production.

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The 14<sup>th</sup> FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering will be held at Bad Salzufflen Exhibition Centre from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. An up-to-date directory of exhibitors is available for download at [www.fmb-messe.de](http://www.fmb-messe.de)

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