



13th regional "Youth research" competition

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With 69 registrations, the 13th regional "Youth research" competition organised by ebm-papst from 24 to 26 February at the Reinhold-Würth-Hochschule in Künzelsau will again be one of the largest in Baden-Württemberg.

With the "Youth research" competition, the manufacturer of motors and fans wants to promote enthusiasm among young people for the natural sciences. Because ebm-papst and the other technology-driven companies in the region need the next generation to be highly qualified in order to maintain their innovative edge into the future and to continue to consolidate it.

Most participants by far come from the Heilbronn/Franconia region and the neighbouring districts. Interest in "Youth research" has especially increased among schools. Thus, in 2011 for the first time the Breitenstein Primary School in Schwäbisch Hall, the Hölderlin Secondary School in Lauffen and the private St. Gertrudis High School for Girls in Ellwangen will be represented by their pupils for the first time.

But companies too will again be showing their commitment – from Audi AG, Robert Bosch GmbH, Bürkert, GEMÜ, ThyssenKrupp Drauz and Ziehl-Abegg to ebm-papst, which since 1999 has regularly entered one or two teams of trainees for the competition.

The German School in Milan has for some years had a regular place: "For us, they almost belong to the region", explains Bernd Ludwig, the ebm-papst official in charge of the "Youth research" competition. Under Ludwig's management, his colleague Simone Germann organises and implements "Youth research" together with the new regional competition director Silvia Böhler (Schwäbisch Hall), the jurors and the ebm-papst trainees. The participants, aged between ten and 19 years, appreciate in particular the familiar atmosphere and the personal support during this 3-day competition.

The competition has an event character and is also very popular because every participating school pupil and trainee wins: Each one who presents his or her project to the critical jurors and over 1,000 visitors to the competition exhibition gains in self-confidence and learns about presentation.

On Saturday, 26 February, the public is invited to view the competition projects from 9 am to 1 pm in the Reinhold-Würth-Hochschule. During this time, information will also be available on the courses of study at the college.

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