



Research summit at thyssenkrupp's elevator test tower: setting the agenda for future innovations in urban mobility

- The Global Research and Development (R&D) summit in Rottweil will bring together over 30 elevator experts from around the world
- This event continues the close cooperation between thyssenkrupp and the city of Rottweil, IHK Schwarzwald-Baar-Heuberg and Technology Mountains e.V.
- Research activities at the elevator test tower were officially launched in December 2016

With the launch of R&D activities at its test tower in Rottweil, thyssenkrupp Elevator further consolidated the transformation of its business and the elevator industry at large. Now, the test tower will serve as the stage for a worldwide research summit to set the agenda for future innovations in urban mobility. From January 31 to February 2, approximately 30 engineers and researchers from the company's global R&D network will gather here at the invitation of Thomas Ehrl, Head of R&D at the test tower.

“Since we began our work here in December, my colleagues and I have already achieved our first, practicality-oriented insights, and with ongoing research and computer-assisted simulations, we will soon be able to develop future elevator systems for the market much more efficiently and quickly. The objective of this summit is for us to discuss the best way forward with these solutions and other breakthrough technologies,” says Ehrl, adding that preparations to operate the world's first rope-less elevator system, MULTI, are also underway.

Against the background of urbanization and steady population growth, the operation of the test tower is a decisive milestone in order to meet the global mobility challenges of tomorrow. Efficient urban mobility depends on the development of breakthrough innovations, and the test tower offers thyssenkrupp the best conditions to develop these solutions. At the three-day research summit in Rottweil, experts from the R&D centers in Gijón (Spain), Atlanta (USA) and the headquarters in Essen (Germany) will come together with the R&D colleagues from Rottweil to discuss pioneering technologies and how they can best be applied to improving urban mobility. Through close cooperation with the city of Rottweil, the IHK Schwarzwald-Baar-Heuberg and the company association Technology Mountains e.V., regional aspects on these subjects will also be considered and successful examples will be presented.

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