

Henokiens Association - Château du Clos Lucé Awarding of the 2nd « Leonardo da Vinci Prize »

In the presence of Mr. Klaus Wowereit, Governing Mayor of Berlin and Mr. Daniel Bahr, Minister of Health of the Federal Republic of German, the co-founders of the Leonardo da



Vinci Prize, Mr. Christophe Viellard, President of the Henokiens Association and Mr. François Saint Bris, President of the Château du Clos Lucé, last residence of Leonardo in Amboise, France, awarded the second "**Leonardo da Vinci Prize**" to Professor Hans Georg Näder, President of the firm "Otto Bock HealthCare GmbH".

The firm "Otto Bock HealthCare GmbH", founded in 1919 by Mr. Otto Bock, is today an important German industrial group specialized in medical techniques intended for improving freedom of movement for persons of reduced mobility. Since its creation, it has devoted all its energy to innovating in the design and manufacturing of high-quality products intended to help the handicapped recover quality of life and independence.



This is what is meant by its motto:
"Quality for Life."

Known and admired world-wide, with a presence in 44 countries, the firm Otto Bock, has a turnover of almost 700 million Euros and 5000 employees. It has based its success on solid traditions going back to its roots and on dynamic and responsible growth.

Since the Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea in 1988, Otto Bock has been the official partner of the Paralympic Games.



In his speech, Christophe Viellard underlined the extent to which the firm Otto Bock's attachment to its local roots has allowed it to keep ever present in mind the importance of making globally responsible moral decisions. The success of this enterprise in the service of the handicapped has in no way prevented it from considering that ethics concerns not only the family, the company or the nation, but the entire world and all human beings.

François Saint Bris, for his part, spoke of the success of a firm which has, throughout its history, embodied and illustrated with elegance, for three generations, the vision, the commitments and the loyalty of a family in the service of a tradition, of a profession and a geographical area. Thanks to its capacity for innovation and an ability to adapt to the times, the firm has enjoyed success throughout the world.



The "Leonardo da Vinci Prize" award ceremony took place in Berlin on 05 October 2012 at the headquarters of the Deutsch Bank which sought to underline, via its hospitality, its involvement in promoting family firms.



The "Leonardo da Vinci Prize" trophy, created by the firm Mellerio dits Meller, represents a flying propeller, imagined by Leonardo da Vinci, an eloquent symbol of the Henokiens ambition to drive to ever greater heights, just as the patriarch Enoch rose to the heavens, their family mission in the service of enterprises.