

"Enterprise Medal" of the State of Baden-Württemberg for Christian O. Erbe

"With your highly innovative family-run company you are virtually unparalleled in the region for spirited research", stated Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut, Minister of Economics, on 23rd November 2017 during the award of the "Enterprise Medal" to Christian O. Erbe. This honor is conveyed to persons for outstanding entrepreneurial performance and as gratitude for special services to Baden-Württemberg's economy.

"By doing so, you have made a decisive contribution to making our country the number 1 location for medical technology in Europe. You have always been dedicated to making research deliver a direct benefit to our industry and referred to the opportunities of technology transfer", Minister Hoffmeister-Kraut underlined in her eulogy.

Christian O. Erbe is managing partner of Erbe Elektromedizin GmbH. He manages the company in its 5th generation together with his brother-in-law Reiner Thede. Before that he spent three years running the group's business in Eastern Europe, followed by eight years as President and CEO of the US subsidiary.

Presently the company employs a staff of over 1,000 people, twice as many as in the year 2002. Globalization has played an important strategic role in the company's development. Today, 15 subsidiaries belong to the worldwide group, located in Europe, North and South America as well as Asia. Young talent in the company is supported by sound training and the cooperation with vocational academies, advanced technical colleges and universities.

The company's growth is reflected by its infrastructure. A logistics center was built in 2008 and supplies customers across the globe directly from Tübingen. A further step was the expansion of the production facilities through a newly acquired production building in Rangendingen with cleanroom technology for manufacturing sterile single-use products. The size of operations in Tübingen was doubled through the acquisition of further real estate in the neighborhood of

the head offices and the development of existing premises. This resulted in a new building complex, the company's own training center - the Erbe Academy - which also houses the company canteen and office spaces.

Numerous honorary posts and tasks

Since 2004, Christian O. Erbe has been active as Honorary Board Member of the Professional Association of Electromedical Technology of the General Association of the Electrical Engineering and Electronics Industry (ZVEI) e.V. In 2014, he became its chairman. He is a member of the Executive Committee in the General Association.

In 2010, Christian O. Erbe was elected President of the Reutlingen Chamber of Industry and Commerce and in 2017, to Vice President of the Baden-Württemberg Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

Since 2013, he has been active on the Board of the Committee for Health Economy of the Confederation of German Industry (BDI) e.V. In the same year, Christian O. Erbe was elected Chairman of the Industry Committee of the largest medical technology exhibition, the MEDICA. Furthermore, he is the Deputy Board Chairman of the German Society for Biomedical Technology (DGBMT) in the German Electrotechnology Association (VDE). In addition he is involved in the committees of colleges and universities as well as institutions involved in basic research and is an expert judge for trade law at the Tübingen District Court.

Erbe Elektromedizin GmbH

Erbe manufactures medical systems for electrosurgery, for hydro and cryosurgery. Erbe technology is leading in many countries and forms an integral part of surgical procedures. In this role, the products contribute to the best possible treatment of patients - as well as to caring and successful therapy.



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