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Constant Bernard, new President of SYMOP



On 10 December 2015, Constant BERNARD (Actemium) was elected as head of Symop (syndicat des machines et technologies de production - French association for manufacturing technologies). This appointment was made during the General Meeting of Symop which was held at CEA Saclay. As the new President for a term of two years, Constant BERNARD succeeds Jean-Camille Uring. He will therefore continue the strategy initiated by his predecessor in favour of productive investment for greater competitiveness and within the context of implementing the Industry for the Future Alliance. With the assistance of his colleagues at Symop, Constant BERNARD intends to make the industry of the future accessible to all companies in France and to promote the French offerings abroad.

An impressive career at all levels of the industrial company

Constant BERNARD began his career in 1974 at Sciaky, a manufacturer of welding systems. For 22 years, he learnt all aspects of the industrial company. Whilst he was head of the Quality department, the company became the first capital good supplier to receive ISO 9001 certification. In his position as Vice-President for Sales France, he supported car manufacturers in their business development. He utilised this comprehensive experience at Voest Alpine TMS and in 1997 he created the French subsidiary TMS France which he headed.

In 2003, he joined Actemium, the Vinci Énergies trademark dedicated to industrial process, and has been the development director there since 2008. He heads up an international network of more than 300 companies and accordingly interacts with a wide variety of industrial sectors including automobile, the environment, water, aerospace, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

Together we win!

Foremost amongst Constant BERNARD's concerns are collaborative work and exchange, in accordance with one of the underlying and fundamental precepts of Symop: "Together we will win!". What will the professional organisation of the future be made of? He intends to answer this question with assistance from group leaders and all members. Through the implementation of collective actions

as well as the composition of committees to reflect on future solutions for the industry, he will work, in the common interest, to achieve the success of each and every one. A logical approach for this active member of Symop as well as of Gimélec, its partner in the Alliance Industry of the Future, that both structures helped to found.

Within Symop and the Alliance Industry of the Future: “let us take our destiny into our own hands”

Constant BERNARD is aware that it is difficult for French industrial manufacturers to anticipate the future in light of an ever changing economic environment. Nevertheless, he is pleased to note that public authorities have now acknowledged industry as a genuine growth driver. “Naturally, the issue of support to productive investment will be one of my priority concerns as President” he stated. This is a key issue for businesses even as discussion is underway in parliament to extend the additional depreciation scheme. At the same time, in conjunction with the Industry of the Future Alliance, the industrial community has been rallying its efforts to build on the existing momentum. “As a matter of fact, I would like to actively take part in disseminating the “industry of the future” to make it accessible to all companies, SMEs and intermediate-sized businesses alike, with a view to ensuring that the acknowledged French inventiveness materialises into an achieved technological ambition!” stated the new President.

Both within the Symop and the Alliance, Constant BERNARD is encouraging industrial manufacturers to work together to take their destiny into their own hands, a destiny which is also that of the French industry.

About Symop

Symop, Syndicat des machines and technologies de production (French association for manufacturing technologies), is a key member of the Fédération des Industries Mécaniques (Fim - Association of mechanical engineering industries). It represents 280 companies aggregating 16,500 employees with a turnover of 2 billion Euros. In 2005, it spearheaded the “Robotcaliser: robotics to avoid relocating” operation and is today the initiator of the ROBOT Start PME project that was introduced to enable 250 small and medium industries to acquire their first robot. It also launched the “Productivez ! initiative - Reindustrialise through production technologies and machines” in 2012. Since July 2015, it is one of the 11 founding members of the Industry of the Future Alliance, which has been charged by the French Government with the responsibility of implementing the initiative of the same name.

www.symop.com



www.symop.com/productivez

www.industrie-competitivite.com

www.robotstartpme.fr

About the Industry of the Future Alliance

The Industry of the Future Alliance was created in July 2015 in connection with the new Industry of the future initiative undertaken by the Government. Its 13 active members, professional organisations, academic and technological partners - Afdel, Arts & Métiers ParisTech, CEA, Cetim, FIEEC, FIM, Gimélec, Institut Mines-Télécom, PFA, Symop, Syntec Numérique, UIC and UIMM – have centred their efforts on the common purpose of making France a leader of the worldwide industrial renewal and propelling the country’s entire economic fabric into the heart of the new industrial systems.

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