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Airbus Defense & Space, AREVA, Nissan, Renault & Volkswagen will speak at the ESI Global Forum

An event dedicated to Virtual Product Engineering, on May 21 & 22 in Paris, France

Paris, France – April 18, 2014 – <u>ESI Group</u>, pioneer and world-leading solution provider in <u>Virtual Prototyping</u> for manufacturing industries, announces the detailed program of its third ESI Global Forum, scheduled May 21 & 22 in Paris, France. The event will gather ESI customers from various industry sectors and countries around the globe and provide opportunity to share their challenges and achievements. The aim of this event is to help industry leaders implement best practices in Virtual Product Engineering and maximize the related benefits – from increased product performance to cost reduction and reduced time to market.

Alain de Rouvray, co-founder and CEO of ESI Group, will share his strategic vision for Virtual Product Engineering while **Eric Daubourg**, COO of ESI France, will introduce the impressive list of keynote speakers in the following order:

- Eric Landel, Lead Expert in Numerical Modeling and Simulation, Renault
- Herve Gilibert, Chief Technology Officer, Airbus Defense & Space
- Morello Sperandio, Scientific Director, AREVA
- **Toshihiro Araki**, General Manager of the Integrated CAE Department, CAE and Testing Division 1, Nissan Motor Co. Ltd
- Ralph Sundermeier, Head of the Department for CAE-methods, Volkswagen AG

Following these keynote presentations, the conference will split into dedicated industry sessions that will address in more details the specific challenges and best practices for <u>Ground Transportation</u>, <u>Aerospace & Defense</u> and <u>Energy & Power</u>.

ESI customers presenting in the <u>Ground Transportation</u> session will include AP&T (Sweden), Applus + IDIADA (Spain), AUDI AG (Germany), Brno University (Czech Republic), Deutsches Luft- und Raumfahrtzentrum (Germany), Gestamp (France), Honda Motor Co (Japan), Humanetics (Germany), Hyundai Motor (Germany), Jaguar LandRover (United Kingdom), Magna International (United States), Mazda Motor Corporation



(Japan), Nissan Motor Co (Japan), Renault (France), PSA PEUGEOT CITROEN (France), Virtual Vehicle Research Center (Austria), Visteon (France), Volkswagen AG (Germany), and West Bohemia University (Czech Republic).

The <u>Energy & Power</u> session will include speakers from AREVA (France), AREVA NP GmbH (Germany), CEA (France), Creusot Forge (France), EDF (France), HEVS (Switzerland), ONET Technology (France), SL Rasch (Germany), and STMicroelectronics (France).

The <u>Aerospace & Defense</u> session will include Acoudesign (France), Airbus Defense & Space (France), Airbus Helicopter (France), Dassault Aviation (France), Deutsches Luft- und Raumfahrtzentrum (Germany), Ecole Centrale de Nantes (France), Doncasters (UK), European Space Agency (Netherlands), Expliseat SAS (Netherlands), Hochschule Albstadt-Sigmaringen (Germany), OJSC Aviadvigatel (Russia), PCC Airfoils - LLC (United States), Rolls-Royce (UK), SNECMA (France) and Spirit Aerosystems (UK).

To fulfill the needs of ESI's growing vibro-acoustics user community, <u>four vibro-acoustics</u> <u>workshops</u> will run in parallel to the aforementioned industry presentations. These workshops will focus on Powertrain Exhaust and Intake, Wind Noise, Cabin Noise and Low Frequency Interior Acoustics.

On the day before <u>ESI Global Forum</u>, a <u>micro-seminar on hot forming is organized jointly with AP&T</u>. That event will focus on virtual hot forming engineering workflows, from customer request to production solution, including material cost estimation, die face design, stamping feasibility and validation, cooling channel validation and Virtual Reality.

Visit <u>www.esi-group.com/EGF2014</u> to view the conference agenda and discover presentation abstracts.

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ESI is a pioneer and world-leading provider in Virtual Prototyping that takes into account the physics of materials. ESI boasts a unique know-how in Virtual Product Engineering, based on an integrated suite of coherent, industry-oriented applications. Addressing manufacturing industries, Virtual Product Engineering aims to replace physical prototypes by realistically simulating a product's behavior during testing, to fine-tune fabrication and assembly processes in accordance with desired product performance, and to evaluate the impact on product use under normal or accidental conditions. ESI's solutions fit into a single collaborative and open environment for End-to-End Virtual Prototyping. These solutions are delivered using the latest technologies, including immersive Virtual Reality, to bring products to life in 3D; helping customers make the right decisions throughout product development. The company employs about 1000 high-level specialists worldwide covering more than 40 countries. ESI Group is listed in compartment C of NYSE Euronext Paris.



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