



Press Release

Joint Award by DVR, EVU and DEKRA

Alexander Berg Receives European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award

Alexander Berg has received the **European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award**. The **66-year-old** former head of **DEKRA Accident Research** and **DEKRA Crash Test Center** was presented with the award at the **2018 annual congress of the European Association for Accident Research and Analysis (EVU) in Dubrovnik**.

“I am delighted to have the honor of presenting the European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award to a long-standing colleague this year,” said EVU President **Jörg Ahlgrimm** in his congratulatory speech. “His tireless commitment to the cause of truck safety has always been exemplary – right from the very first commercial vehicle crash test that DEKRA conducted back in the 1980s and for which he designed the entire test setup and all the required systems, through to the ongoing internationalization of the work undertaken by DEKRA Accident Research.”

This year, for the 29th time, the award for outstanding technical innovations or overall contributions is being presented by the EVU, the German Road Safety Council (DVR) and DEKRA to individuals who have played a special role in enhancing the safety of commercial vehicles.

After completing an apprenticeship as a toolmaker, Alexander Berg studied mechanical engineering in Heilbronn and Stuttgart before joining DEKRA in October 1982. He initially worked in the Accident Reconstruction department and then, in 1985, moved to DEKRA Accident Research. From 1996 to 2006, he headed DEKRA Automobil GmbH's Accident Research department and the Crash Test Center in Neumünster, which underwent ongoing expansion under his tenure. Until his retirement in 2017, he was in charge of International Projects & Business Development at the DEKRA Technology Center.

The award-winner was actively involved in a number of research projects and is the co-holder of three patents in the fields of motorcycle and commercial vehicle safety. Over many decades, he has regularly brought his specialist knowledge to bear at expert symposiums and gatherings all over the world as well as in various national and international committees. He initiated the DEKRA “Commercial

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Vehicle Safety” and “Load Securing on Road Vehicles” symposiums, which for many years have brought together experts from all over the world and were recently combined in the new DEKRA Commercial Vehicle Outlook Conference event format.

Alexander Berg regularly gives talks about commercial vehicles at the University of Graz and is an associate lecturer at the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University campus in Horb. At DEKRA, he continues to provide support in the training of prospective inspection engineers. He is also the author of multiple technical papers and active as a speaker.

DEKRA Board Member **Clemens Klinke** on the award: “The progress we have seen over the past few decades when it comes to the safety of commercial vehicles is impressive and the results are clear to see in the accident statistics. For more than 90 years, DEKRA has committed itself to bringing about this progress. Over the course of several decades, Alexander Berg has made a valuable contribution here – including through his consistent in-depth involvement in preparing the DEKRA Road Safety Report.”

DVR President **Dr. Walter Eichendorf** honored the award-winner with the following words: “Thanks to his decades-long commitment to research, teaching and practice, Alexander Berg has made a vital contribution to enhancing road safety in Europe. Accident Research provides us with crucial information about how commercial vehicles can be designed in the future to make them safer, above all. Only through a process of continuous improvement can we achieve the goal of our Vision Zero safety strategy: zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads!”

The award winners:

- 1990 Prof. Dr. Pal Strifler (Daimler), Hungary
- 1991 Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Marx (Bremen University), Germany
- 1992 Prof. Ernst Göhring (Daimler), Germany
- 1993 Prof. Dr. Klaus Langwieder (European Insurances Association), Germany
- 1994 Prof. Dr. Egon-Christian von Glasner (Daimler), Germany
- 1995 Prof. Dr. Gyula Köfalvi (Universität Győr), Hungary
- 1996 Siegfried Werber (DVR), Germany
- 1997 Prof. Dr. Pál Michelberger (Budapest University, President of FISITA), Hungary
- 1998 Eric Thoms (Scania), Sweden
- 1999 Toru Kajiyama (Isuzu), Japan
- 2000 Richard Hildebrandt (Allied Signal), USA
- 2001 Paul Oppenheimer MBE (Lucas-Girling), UK
- 2002 Prof. Dr. Jovan Todorovic (Universität Belgrad), Yugoslavia
- 2003 Bernard Tripier (Bosch), France
- 2004 Prof. Dr. Sigmar Micke (Bosch), USA
- 2005 Friedrich-Wilhelm Matzner (Bendiberica), Spain
- 2006 Dr. Fujio Momiyama (Hino), Japan
- 2007 Dr. Jürgen Trost (Daimler), Germany
- 2008 Lennart Svenson (Volvo), Sweden

- 2009 Prof. Dr. László Palkovics (Knorr), Hungary
- 2010 Prof. Dr. Hartmut Marwitz (Daimler), Germany
- 2011 Hidehiko Enomoto (Hino), Japan
- 2012 Eberhard Hipp (MAN), Germany
- 2013 Christian Börner (BG Fahrzeuge), Germany
- 2014 Dr. Erwin Petersen (WABCO), Germany
- 2015 Prof. Dr. Jörg Zürn (Daimler), Germany
- 2016 Dr. Christian Wiehen (WABCO), Germany
- 2017 Fredrich Claezon (Scania), Sweden
- 2018 Alexander Berg (DEKRA), Germany