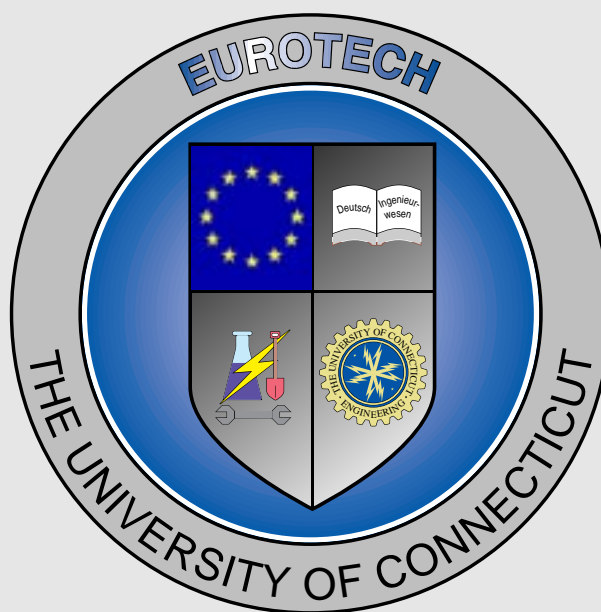


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What's EUROTECH?

A Short Description
by Richard P. Long

The EUROTECH Program is designed to help prepare the engineering student for working in the world-wide marketplace by offering an opportunity to experience first hand the practice of engineering in another industrialized country. This program features:

- Engineering coursework leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering.
- German coursework leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in German.
- A six-month engineering internship with a firm in a German-speaking country.



EUROTECH students in the Ausbildungsabteilung at Index-Werke, Esslingen

The EUROTECH Program is open to students in each of the undergraduate engineering programs at UCONN: Chemical, Civil and Environmental, Computer Science, Electrical and Sys-

tems, and Mechanical Engineering.

A knowledge of German is not required to begin this program.

The student successfully completing this program will have more marketable degrees with a strong background in the principles of engineering and practical international experience.

Was ist EUROTECH?

Ein kurzer Einblick

Im Rahmen des EUROTECH Programms erwerben die Studenten zwei Abschlüsse. Zum einen erhalten sie den B.A. in Deutsch, zum anderen den B.S. in Ingenieurwesen. Desweiteren gehört zum Abschluß des EUROTECH Programms auch ein halbjähriges Praxissemester in einem deutschsprachigen Land, wodurch die Studenten zum einen Arbeitserfahrung auf ihrem Ingenieursgebiet sammeln und zum anderen auf einen immer mehr internationalen Arbeitsmarkt vorbereitet werden.

Das EUROTECH Programm verbindet von Anfang an das Studium der deutschen Sprache mit einem Ingenieurstudium aus dem Bereich Maschinenbau, Bau- und Umweltingenieurwesen, Elektrotechnik, Informatik oder Chemieingenieurwesen.

Jeder qualifizierte Student aus dem Bereich der Ingenieurwissenschaften kann dem Programm beitreten. Vorkenntnisse in Deutsch sind nicht notwendig.

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EUROTECH Milestones

by Richard P. Long

EUROTECH began in the fall of 1993 with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. It is an international engineering program that requires five-years of study involving courses in both engineering and German Studies and includes a six-month internship in Germany. With fall 1998, EUROTECH has completed its first milestone, i.e. five years of operation, and six students have completed the program as of December 1998. This occasion appears fitting to review the progress of the program to date.

Among the six students that have completed the EUROTECH requirements, most have included some study abroad as part of their experience. Brian Schwegler, the first student to complete the program, actually came into the EUROTECH program at a later point in his undergraduate studies than the others. The program was not available when he started as an undergraduate in chemical engineering. He dropped into my office one day at the beginning of his junior year and asked if he could enroll in EUROTECH. There are no fundamental objections to a student starting late, it is just more difficult to fit two ma-

jors together as smoothly as when the program is started in the first year. By the end of his fourth year of study Brian had completed all but a few of his technical courses and had finished the intermediate level of German. He started his internship with Bayer in Leverkusen, Germany, after he attended an intensive German course at the advanced level. Having interned with Bayer, most of his remaining academic requirements were in the language area. Where best to complete requirements in German than in Germany? Brian spent two semesters at the University of Konstanz, then decided that he would work for Bayer in Germany for a while.



EUROTECH students checking out the high waters of the Danube in Regensburg

James Frey, a mechanical engineer, had extensive hands-on experience before departing for Germany. He worked on a special wheelchair, under a research grant in the Mechanical Engineering Department. James also

decided to include some study abroad in his program, taking technical courses at the University of Karlsruhe before doing his internship with Trumpf in Ditzingen. After completing his program at UCONN, James joined Bosch in South Carolina.

Paul Malcarne and Jennipher Spears completed a year abroad in Regensburg, Bavaria, in August. Both of these students participated in the exchange program with the Fachhochschule Regensburg. They also began their visit to Germany with an intensive German course after which they enjoyed their internships. Jennipher was a mechanical engineering student and interned with Maschinenfabrik Reinhausen GmbH, a machine tool company. Paul was a computer science and engineering major and interned with Siemens AG, an international manufacturer of electrical parts and components. Both returned to the United States at the end of August 1998 and completed the administrative work for their degrees. Shortly after returning, Paul accepted a position with Trumpf Inc., a machine tool company in Farmington, CT.

Laura Harris, a chemical engineering student, completed her studies in December 1998. Laura took an intensive German course at the University of Freiburg in 1995. In each of the follow-

ing two summers she did three months of interning with Bayer in Leverkusen, Germany. She has an outstanding record at UCONN, participating in many activities and receiving many awards. Laura accepted a position with Proctor and Gamble Co. in Maryland.

Brain Studioso interned with the Torrington Co. in Künsebeck Germany in the fall of 1998. He returned to UCONN for the spring 1999 semester during which he completed his undergraduate work. Brian has accepted a position with Trumpf, Inc. in Farmington, CT.

It has been six years since I began the EUROTECH program here at UCONN with Regina Kecht. I have enjoyed working with the students and my colleagues in the Modern and Classical Language Department. Working and watching the program grow has been very rewarding. Now that we have graduates, EUROTECH has become a complete reality.

There have been constant changes over these six years. Two years ago I officially retired from the University, but was hired back to function as the Co-Director for Engineering. Last year brought a new

Co-Director for the language side of the program, Friedemann Weidauer, and a new Dean of Engineering, Amir Faghri. Circumstances indicate that it is time to turn the program over to some new hands in the School of Engineering. Therefore, I stepped down as Co-Director of EUROTECH effective September 1, 1999. I want to thank everyone who made my work as Co-Director pleasant and satisfying and I wish the program and its students good luck.

The Academic Year 1998-99 in Review

A Brief Survey of EUROTECH Activities and Events

It's not just t-shirts anymore: We now have key rings and mouse pads with the EUROTECH logo; call (860) 486 3963 or email eurotech@eng2.uconn.edu if you are interested.

In an effort to reach more students this year our newsletters and brochures went out both to all science and math counselors in Connecticut and to all German teachers in Connecticut and the neighboring states. We are beginning to receive more inquiries about the program from out-of-state.

In October, R. Long represented EUROTECH at the first colloquium of international engineering programs at the University of Rhode Island.

At the end of Fall Semester, a group of 12 EURO-TECH students went to Pratt and Whitney for a plant visit.

In February, R. Long and F. Weidauer together with EUROTECH graduate Paul Malcarne gave a presentation on EUROTECH at East Lyme Highschool in CT.

16 EUROTECH students went on our biannual study



A presentation on EUROTECH for seniors at East Lyme Highschool

trip to Germany from May 16-May 26. All costs of the trip excluding air fare were covered by a generous grant from the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) (see detailed report in this issue).

As in past years EURO-TECH faculty together with EUROTECH student volunteers represented our program both at the School of Engineering and College of

Liberal Arts and Sciences open houses for prospective students in fall and spring.

This year's guest lecturers in the EUROTECH modular courses "Fields of Technology" and "Introduction to the Sciences" were: Axel Werner, UTC, "Überlegungen zum Thema *Zerspanung*", Brian Schwegler, Bayer, "Bayer: A Global Company/Destillation: Ein thermisches Trennverfahren", Peter Winkler, Mahle, "Die Wirkung von Umweltbestimmung auf die Herstellung von Kleinmotoren", Ulrike Klüh, UConn Health Sciences, "Fermentation", Wilfried Meier, Sikorsky, "Hubschrauber: Geschichte und Design," and Günther Schubert, PTR Precision Technologies, "Schweissen mit dem Elektronenstrahl".

Fourth year EUROTECH student Alex Trestmann and third year student Brian Harris left this fall for their work/study abroad component in Germany.

The following EUROTECH students won special scholarships this year: Chris Halfmann (Bayer), Pal Pocsi (Sikorsky), Kris Noiseux (Rydz-Music Memories), and Brian Harris (UTC).



EUROTECH alumnus Paul Malcarne (right) speaks at East Lyme Highschool

The 1999/2000 *EUROTECH Handbook* is now ready, you can obtain a copy by contacting Friedemann Weidauer ((860) 486 1533, weidauer@uconnvm.uconn.edu). The handbook contains all the essential information for EUROTECH students, from detailed plans of study to websites of the EUROTECH companies.

Back issues of this newsletter can be accessed as pdf files on our website: <http://www.eng2.uconn.edu/EUROTECH>

Upcoming Events

Friedemann Weidauer will represent EUROTECH at the Second Colloquium of International Engineering Programs, Oct. 22-23, at the University of Rhode Island.

F. Weidauer and R. Long will give a presentation of the EUROTECH program at the annual convention of the Connecticut Conference of Language Teachers (COLT) in November.

Plant visits are planned for the end of Fall and Spring Semester.

EUROTECH graduate assistant Markus Dötsch is working to make the *Handbook* available on the web and on other changes to our web site.

EUROTECH is a program whose time has come! Combining engineering expertise with German language skills is a perfect match since Germany is one of the world leaders in machinery and equipment production and exports. The transfer of technical knowledge across the continents is one of the most difficult tasks faced by companies working in both Europe and the United States. This could be more easily accomplished if there were a common language.

EUROTECH is a hands-on approach to both language and technology. Additionally, the internship program hosting our students in Europe is exciting and broadens horizons—an opportunity accessible to few. But it will also challenge and demand commitment.

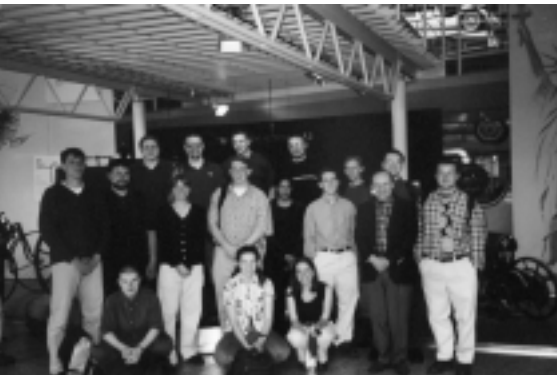
With the world getting smaller every day, EUROTECH is one way to make sure that our people are prepared to be leaders in the international market for technical products.

Daniel Dechamps, President
Trumpf, Inc.,
Farmington, CT

The 1999 EUROTECH Study Trip

From May 16 to May 26 a group of 16 EUROTECH students, mostly at the end of their first or second year, went to Germany for our biannual study trip. Profs. Friedemann Weidauer (German) and Richard Long (Civil Engineering) accompanied the group. For the first time for this kind of trip we relied solely on public transportation and on youth hostels for accommodations, and amazingly enough there were no major glitches. We had received a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) that covered almost all costs of our stay.

The first five days we spend in Stuttgart from where we went on excursions



Our group at the Daimler-Benz Museum in Stuttgart

sions to the Fachhochschule für Technik in Esslingen, the Fachhochschule Reutlingen and the Universität/Technische Hochschule Karlsruhe. At all three schools we

got a first hand look at their research facilities and some of the student-run projects. Also in the Stuttgart metropolitan area, we toured the Index Corporation in Esslingen, Trumpf in Ditzingen, and DaimlerChrysler in Stuttgart-Bad Canstatt. Perhaps the most impressive aspects of these plant visits were the amount of attention that these companies pay to the education of their apprentices (Lehrlinge), to customer specifications for special orders, and the degree of automatization.

We then had three days of free time because of the Pentecost weekend (2.5 days without shopping opportunities!) which we used for travelling to Regensburg, the next stop on our itinerary, a tour of the city of Regensburg under the knowledgeable guidance of our host Mr. Kratzer, the director of the Studienseminar St. Emmeram, and self-guided sightseeing in Nürnberg. On the Tuesday after Pentecost we went on a tour of the

Fachhochschule Regensburg, one of the few German schools with a campus-like atmosphere, and a plant visit to the BMW facility in Regensburg, the home of the "3" series

BMW's. The next day the group returned to Connecticut.

Here are some excerpts from the students' reports:

Index Corporation

Wir haben die Ausbildungswerkstätten und die Produktion gesehen. Es kostet 140.000 DM, einen Lehrling auszubilden. Wir sahen mehrere Beispiele von Werkstücken, die sie in der Lehre herstellen. Index benutzt ein Lager für Teile, wo nur der Computer weiss, wo die Teile sind. Der Computer legt die Teile am nächsten freien Platz ab und "merkt" sich, wo das war. Wenn ein Teil gebraucht wird, holt der Computer es vom nächstliegenden Platz.

Fachhochschule für Technik, Esslingen, Fachbereich Fahrzeugtechnik

Alle Professoren an der FHTE müssen fünf Jahre Arbeitserfahrung haben. Eine Gruppe von Studenten arbeitet an einem Projekt für ein Kleinauto für Behinderte, bei dem der Fahrer direkt mit dem Rollstuhl durch die Heckklappe ans Steuer des Autos fahren kann.

Fachhochschule Reutlingen

Die FH Reutlingen hat als Textilschule angefangen, wir sahen alle Schritte der Textilherstellung vom Spinnen zum komputergesteuer-

ten Weben, aber auch Projekte von Studenten in anderen Fachbereichen, z.B. die Steuerung von Spielzeugeisenbahnen bei den Informatikern. Es gab auch eine Diskussion über den Sinn von rein englischen Studiengängen an einer deutschen Universität.

Trumpf

Trumpf hat eine eigene Halle, um den Kunden ihre Laser- und Biegemaschinen vorzuführen. Die neue Halle für die Lasermaschinenherstellung wurde von der Tochter des Firmeninhabers entworfen. 60% der Maschinen, die Trumpf herstellt, sind mit Lasern ausgestattet.

DaimlerChrysler, Bad Cannstatt, V6 und V8 Motorenfertigung

Obwohl dieser Werksbereich fast vollkommen automatisiert ist, ist es bei

einigen Arbeitsschritten doch effektiver, wenn Arbeiter sie durchführen, z.B. das Einsetzen der Zylinderkolben. Die Teile von Zulieferern lagern in der Halle auf Flächen, die nicht Daimler-Chrysler gehören, Daimler-Chrysler zahlt für jedes Teil nur ab dem Moment, wo es benutzt wird.

BMW Regensburg

Alle Autos hier werden nur auf Bestellung produziert nach den Wünschen der Kunden, z.B. für die Lackfarbe und die Farbe der Sitzbezüge (auch wenn die Kunden keinen Geschmack haben!). In einer Halle werden Sonderanfertigungen hergestellt, z.B. Polizeiautos.

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Das Karlsruher Schloss

Introducing the new EUROTECH TA's

*Interview with
Stephan Kellner*

What are you doing for EUROTECH and at UConn?

I am the new teaching assistant for Friedemann Weidauer, I prepare the materials for classes, correct the homework, and help with classes. My master is in civil engineering, where I am working with Dr. Ivan in the field of transportation engineering.

Why did you decide to study civil engineering?

Because of the opportunity to manage people and things. I find it very satisfy-



Stephan, cool as always...

ing if things are well organized. Besides, I am able to see the efforts of my work directly. Another thing is the diversity in the field of building. There are so many opportunities for jobs and projects. Not only designing or building new structures or restoring them, but one can also work in the broad field of management and consulting.

Why did you choose UConn?

I like to study abroad to get to know different cultures. And it sure is different here. I think it is important having more than just one degree or one field of concentration. I was concentrating in site management in Karlsruhe, now in transportation planning. Both fields are very interesting and now I have the opportunity to learn more about these two fields.

Why UConn? I have heard that it is nice here at Storrs and in New England in general, and that is true, and UConn is known for being a very good university, especially in the engineering sciences.

Do you think American engineering students should study German?

Absolutely! It is not only important to learn a second or third language but get to

know about a new culture. Companies admire this. German companies are well known for being state-of-the-art and they expand in new markets. So American students should take the opportunity to be a part in this process of expansion.

What do you think is different here?

The classes are smaller (8 instead of 300) and I know my professors and can talk to them. There is homework and I learn how to make presentations. In Germany I had not to work so hard during the semester, actually I had not to work at all, but I had to learn throughout the entire semester break.

What did you expect from Storrs?

Actually I expected more cows, however, I like it here. It is so neat, peaceful and rural. But then, you can easily reach Boston or New York. That is nice.

*Interview mit
Stephan Kellner*

Was machst Du eigentlich bei Eurotech und an der UConn?

Ich bin der neue Lehrassistent für Friedemann Weidauer. Ich bereite die Unterrichtsmaterialien vor, mache die Hausaufgaben

und Prüfungen und korrigiere sie. Mein Hauptfach ist Bauingenieurwesen, ich mache hier meine Thesis mit Dr. Ivan im Transportbereich.

Warum hast Du angefangen, Bauingenieurwesen zu studieren?

Wegen der Möglichkeit, Dinge, Vorgänge und Personen zu managen. Ich finde es sehr befriedigend, wenn Dinge gut organisiert sind. Ausserdem kann ich direkt die Früchte meiner Arbeit sehen. Attraktiv war auch die grosse Vielfalt, die es im Bausektor gibt, die verschiedenen Bereiche, in denen ich arbeiten kann. Zum Beispiel könnte ich neue Bauwerke erstellen oder alte restaurieren oder aber im Bereich Management und Controlling arbeiten.

Warum hast Du UConn gewählt?

Ich wollte im Ausland studieren, um verschiedene Kulturen kennenlernen zu können. Ich denke, es ist wichtig, mehr als nur einen Abschluss oder ein Spezialgebiet zu haben. Meine Vertiefungsrichtung in Karlsruhe war Baubetrieb. Hier ist es Transportation Planning. Beides hat miteinander zu tun, aber es sind unterschiedliche Ansätze. Jetzt kann ich mehr über beide lernen.

Warum UConn? Ich habe gehört, dass es hier nett ist,

hier in Storrs und in Neuengland, und das ist es tatsächlich. Ausserdem ist UConn eine bekannte, gute Universität, insbesondere die Ingenieur fakultät.

Denkst Du, amerikanische Studenten sollten in Deutschland studieren?

Auf jeden Fall! Es ist nicht nur wichtig, eine zweite oder dritte Sprache zu beherrschen, sondern auch mehr über andere Kulturen und Länder zu erfahren. Firmen mögen das. Deutsche Firmen sind bekannt dafür, dass sie oft führend auf ihrem Sektor sind, ausserdem expandieren sie stark. Amerikanische Studenten sollten die Möglichkeit ergreifen und Teil dieser Expansion werden.

Was ist hier anders?

Die Kurse sind viel kleiner (8 anstatt 300), und ich kenne meine Professoren und kann mit ihnen persönlich sprechen. Hausaufgaben gibt es in Karlsruhe eigentlich auch nicht, und ich kann lernen, Dinge vorzutragen. In Karlsruhe musste ich während des Semesters weniger arbeiten, dafür umso mehr in den Ferien.

Was hast Du eigentlich von Storrs erwartet?

Eigentlich hatte ich mehr Kühe erwartet. Ich mag es hier. Es ist hübsch, ruhig und ländlich, und die Menschen sind freundlich. Boston und

New York sind nicht weit entfernt, wenn mir der Sinn nach Grossstadt sein sollte.

Introducing Markus Dötsch

I am an exchange student from the University of Applied Sciences of Regensburg ("Fachhochschule Regensburg"). My major is computer science and engineering, and I am currently in my fifth year. Being able to use the credits I earn at UConn for my studies in Germany I will receive the diploma when I return home next summer. Here at EUROTECH it is my job to do all the computer-related work like desktop publishing or updating the web page.

I heard about the possibility of studying abroad from Prof. Soceanu, who was a guest instructor here at UConn a while ago and helped in establishing the exchange program between the two universities. From the first moment I liked the idea of staying in a foreign country for more than just a few weeks because it allows me to learn about the social and cultural differences between the USA and Germany. It is also a good opportunity to improve my knowledge of the English language, which is of great importance especially in computer science.

The students who were here before me have told me that studying in America takes much more time than in Germany, and they were right. In most courses I did in Germany I only had to do a final exam at the end of the semester. Some of them included doing a project, but I never had to do any homework since I finished school five years ago. Here at UConn things changed. Although I only have three courses, I have to spend a lot of time for assignments, homework and projects.

What I really like about Connecticut is that it is so close to a lot of major cities. So far I have been able to visit New York, Boston, Providence and New Haven, and I will take a trip to Montreal soon. It's a pity that I have not yet had a chance of staying in one of these cities for more than one day. Once I get my car registered I plan to do weekend trips from time to time.



*Markus, Prisoner No. 4711
(Sorry, I only got a photo
from my ID)*

So far I have really enjoyed my stay here and I am already looking forward to the next semester. Then I will try to do fewer courses so that I can concentrate more on the "social and cultural studies" in this country.

Markus Dötsch stellt sich vor

Ich bin ein Austauschstudent von der Fachhochschule Regensburg. Zur Zeit bin ich im neunten Semester meines Informatik-Studiums. Da ich die in UConn erhaltenen "Credits" für mein Studium daheim anrechnen lassen kann, werde ich mein Diplom gleich nach der Heimreise im Sommer nächsten Jahres erhalten. Hier bei EUROTECH ist es meine Aufgabe, mich um Desktop Publishing, die Webseite und andere Computersachen zu kümmern.

Von der Möglichkeit, im Ausland zu studieren, habe ich von Prof. Soceanu gehört. Er war vor einiger Zeit Gastdozent hier in UConn und half dabei, das Austauschprogramm zu etablieren. Vom ersten Moment an mochte ich die Idee, in einem fremden Land mehr als nur ein paar Wochen zu verbringen, weil es mir die Möglichkeit bietet, die sozialen und kulturellen Unterschiede zwischen den USA und Deutschland zu entdecken. Außerdem ist es eine gute Gelegenheit, mein Englisch etwas zu verbessern, was in der Computerbranche sehr wichtig ist.

Die Studenten, die vor mir hier waren, haben berichtet, daß das Studium hier viel mehr Zeit erfordert als in Deutschland, und sie hatten recht. In den meisten Kursen in Deutschland mußte ich nur eine Abschlußprüfung am Semesterende schreiben. Für ein paar Kurse war zusätzlich ein Projekt zu erstellen, aber ich hatte seit meiner Schulzeit keine Hausaufgaben mehr zu machen. Hier in UConn hat sich das geändert. Obwohl ich nur drei Kurse belegt habe, muß ich sehr viel Zeit für die Hausaufgaben und Projekte aufbringen.

Was mir an Connecticut sehr gut gefällt, ist die Nähe zu vielen bekannten und schönen Städten. Bisher habe ich New York, Boston, Providence und New Haven besucht, und bald werde ich einen Ausflug nach Montreal machen. Wie schade, daß ich in keiner dieser Städte länger als einen Tag bleiben konnte. Sobald ich mein Auto angemeldet habe, will ich des öfteren Wochenendausflüge machen.

Meinen Aufenthalt hier habe ich bisher sehr genossen, und ich freue mich schon auf nächstes Semester. Dann werde ich versuchen, etwas weniger Kurse zu belegen, um mehr Zeit für das "soziale und kulturelle Studium" in diesem Land zu haben.

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For many years I have been involved with vocational training and the need for better school-to-work transition programs. If our manufacturing industry wants to survive, we must invest in new technologies and skills. The EUROTECH program will offer a great opportunity for its students to learn first-hand how German companies have reached and are maintaining a high degree of productivity.

With economic problems in the Far East as well as in Europe, it becomes more difficult to export to these markets, but with better understanding of the local economies there are still many opportunities available. This program will enable Connecticut companies, with the expertise of EUROTECH trained professionals, to better understand the German culture and business environment, from which our state will benefit.

Gary Sihler, President
Index Corporation,
Shelton, CT

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