



The ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 awardees after the awards ceremony at Grand Hyatt Berlin hotel, on December 12, 2016.

Hydra – Arc (Pty) Ltd. (South Africa) received the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin

Berlin, December 12, 2016

The ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 Convention, organized by the European Society for Quality Research (ESQR), was held at the hotel Grand Hyatt Berlin (Germany), on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Seventy-four companies, organizations, public administrations, universities, hospitals and NGOs from 62 countries, representing sectors such as public administration, automobile industry, education, aviation, energy, technology, oil and gas industries, banking and insurance, food and beverage, hotels and tourism, motor and shipping industries, real estate, construction and engineering, transportation, heavy industry and healthcare, among others, received the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 for their ethics and initiatives that demonstrate exceptional success in quality management and that maximize the full potential of their services through quality-oriented practices. These are some of the companies and organizations, which received the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on Monday, December 12, 2016, along with Hydra – Arc (Pty) Ltd.:

BMW Group (Germany)

Founded in 1916, BMW is a vehicle, motorcycle and engine manufacturing company and one of the best-selling luxury automakers in the world. BMW has total assets of € 172 billion, revenue of more than €92 billion and annual profit of € 6 billion. BMW employs more than 122 thousand people and it has 31 production locations in 14 countries. Only in 2015, BMW delivered more than 2 million automobiles to its customers.



Mr. Volker Richter, Vice President Quality Management of BMW Group (Germany), receiving the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on December 12, 2016.

ASICS Corporation (Japan)

ASICS is a Japanese multinational corporation athletic equipment company which produces footwear and sports equipment designed for a wide range of sports. It has 6 thousand employees and annual revenue of US\$ 4 billion. Its running shoes are often ranked among the top performance footwear.

CRH plc (Ireland)

CRH plc is an international group of diversified building materials businesses which are engaged in the manufacture and supply of a wide range of building materials. Founded in 1936, it is the largest Irish company and is listed on New York Stock Exchange. CRH employs over 89 thousand people at around 3,900 locations worldwide. Its revenues in 2015 have ascended to € 24 billion.



Mr. Sheldon Trevor Nel, Chief Operating Officer of Hydra – Arc (Pty) Ltd. (South Africa), receiving the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on December 12, 2016.

Azienda USL di Modena (Italy)

Azienda USL di Modena is a public administration handling the healthcare services of the province of Modena in Northern Italy. Founded in 1994, its services cover a territory of 2'690 square kilometer divided in 47 municipalities. Azienda USL di Modena provides healthcare services to more than 700 thousand inhabitants of the province.

Okuma Corporation (Japan)

Founded 118 years ago (in 1898), Okuma Corporation is a global machine tool builder with headquarters in Oguchi-cho, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. It offers factory automation products and servomotors. Okuma Corporation has more than 3 thousand employees and annual net income of US\$ 80 million. Okuma Corporation manages 16 subsidiaries overseas and 7 subsidiaries in Japan.



Mr. Norbert Teeuwen, President of Okuma Europe from Okuma Corporation (Japan), receiving the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on December 12, 2016.

Kharkiv Metro (Ukraine)

The Kharkiv Metro is the second largest in Ukraine (after Kiev) and consists of three lines which operate on 37.6 kilometers of route and serve 29 stations. It annually transports 23 million passengers.

Institute for Additional Professional Education of Workers for Social Services (Russia)

It is a public institution dedicated to achieving excellence in the field of social work and social welfare through innovative courses, credentials and training programs that advances social good. Its professional credentials and specialty certifications provide recognition to 50 thousand workers of the social services from 29 regions of Russia, who have met national standards for higher levels of experience and knowledge.

The rest of the companies, organizations, universities and public administrations, which received the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on December 12, 2016, were from Argentina, Croatia, Canada, Ghana, the United Arab Emirates, China, Finland, Brazil, Morocco, France, Australia, Mexico, Lithuania, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Zimbabwe, Italy, the United States of America, Germany, Egypt, the United Kingdom, Benin, Georgia, Ireland, among others.



Mr. Awad Ali Al-Hadi, Executive Manager of DERAHAH (Saudi Arabia), receiving the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on December 12, 2016.

Fidelity Bank (Nigeria)

Founded in 1988, Fidelity Bank is one of the most capitalized banks on the African continent with total assets ascending to US\$ 6 billion. The company serves 2.3 million customers through its 220 branches.

Hydra-Arc (Pty) Ltd. (South Africa)

Founded in 1987, Hydra Arc has grown from a supplier specialized welders into a multi-billion company, operating primarily in the petro-chemical, construction, mining and power generation industries.

Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad

Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad is a Malaysian airport company that manages 40 airports in Malaysia and abroad. Founded in 1991, it has more than 10 thousand employees.



Mr. Apollo Enriquez, President of AS Enriquez Engineering Consultancy (Philippines), and Hon. Melita Sta. Maria-Thomeczek, Ambassador of the Philippines in Germany, receiving the ESQR's Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin, on December 12, 2016.