

ESI Hosts its Worldwide Forums on Smart Virtual Prototyping

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Paris, France – July 11, 2017 – [ESI Group](#), leading innovator in [Virtual Prototyping](#) software and services for manufacturing industries, announces it will hold multiple international ESI Forums between September and November in [North America](#), [Germany](#) and [Japan](#). These events provide opportunities to learn more about the latest innovations in ESI's software solutions, to witness exceptional examples of how our customers benefit from Smart Virtual Prototyping, and to network with fellow users, worldwide industry experts, academics, and partners.

The [ESI Forum in North America](#) will kick off the international meeting season in Birmingham, Michigan, USA. From September 26 to 27, clients from a diverse range of industries, from ground transportation to aerospace and defense, will gather to exchange ideas on new trends in simulation and manufacturing and how to address the challenge of delivering more innovative and smarter products at a lower cost, faster, and with increased reliability. ESI will also offer technical sessions and hands-on workshops covering the latest software updates. For more information on this two-day conference, please visit: www.esi-group.com/NAForum



Image: Alain de Rouvray, co-founder, chairman and CEO of ESI Group, presenting the company's vision at the ESI France Forum 2016 last year in Versailles.

The following month, ESI will hold the 5th edition of the [OpenFOAM User Conference](#) in Frankfurt, Germany, from October 17 to 19. Dedicated to the world's most popular open-source CFD code, the event will feature a keynote speech by **Professor Philip Roe**, known internationally for his work on high-resolution compressible flows. Attendees include [OpenFOAM](#) creators as well as users from the many industries that benefit from this open source software. To learn more about this event, please visit: www.esi-group.com/OpenFOAM2017



From November 7 to 9 in Weimar, Germany, ESI will welcome customers from Europe and abroad during an event translated simultaneously in English. During these 3 days, attendees will hear about the benefits of virtually manufacturing, assembling and testing across multiple domains of required performance, physically realistic components and complete virtual products – essentially building and honing a Virtual Prototype all the way to virtual pre-certification. Following the acquisition of ITI last year, the [ESI Forum 2017 in Germany](#) for the first time welcomes the creators and users of the multi-physics system simulation software SimulationX, who previously met in the event known as the ITI Symposium. Speakers include world renowned scientists, ESI customers, and ESI Product Managers. Find out more on our website: www.esi-group.com/GermanyForum

Closing the series of events, the ESI Forum in Japan or [PUCA](#) returns this fall for its 27th edition. Held at the Hilton Hotel in Tokyo, from November 15 to 16, the forum will provide participants with the opportunity to meet simulation experts and discover how ESI is undergoing its own transformation to amplify our Smart Virtual Prototyping solutions, showing how committed we are to supporting and accelerating the digital transformation at the heart of the **Smart Factory**. Offered with simultaneous interpretation in English, the sessions will discuss several challenging industry topics in Virtual Performance, from crash & safety and seats to NVH and Dynamics, and in Virtual Manufacturing, including composites, sheet metal forming and welding and assembly. There will also be a special session for the community in Japan who use Scilab, the open source software for numerical computational sustained by the company [Scilab Enterprises](#) acquired by ESI earlier this year. To learn more and register for this year event, please visit: www.esi-group.com/PUCA2017

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[ESI Group](#) is a leading innovator in [Virtual Prototyping](#) software and services. Specialist in material physics, [ESI](#) has developed a unique proficiency in helping industrial manufacturers replace physical prototypes by virtual prototypes, allowing them to virtually manufacture, assemble, test and pre-certify their future products. Coupled with the latest technologies, Virtual Prototyping is now anchored in the wider concept of the *Product Performance Lifecycle™*, which addresses the operational performance of a product during its entire lifecycle, from launch to disposal. The creation of a *Hybrid Twin™*, leveraging simulation, physics and data analytics, enables manufacturers to deliver smarter and connected products, to predict product performance and to anticipate maintenance needs.

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