SPEAKER´S INTRODUCTION

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Biography:
Stefan Hoppe studied electrical engineering at the University Dortmund, Germany. In parallel he worked on automatic guided vehicles at Fraunhofer Institut IML Dortmund. Since 1995 he has been working for BECKHOFF Automation, starting as a software developer in the TwinCAT-software-group. Today he is working as a TwinCAT Product Manager with focus on connectivity and embedded software products. Using new technologies in Industrial Automation / Building Automation environment is daily business - and even his home is controlled by an OPC Unified Architecture enabled Windows Embedded CE device. Acting as a speaker on international developer conferences Microsoft awarded him as MVP (Most Valuable Professional) for Embedded Software since 2009. In 2008 he became chairman of the common working group “PLCopen/OPC-Foundation”. Since January 2010 he is President OPC Europe within the OPC Foundation.