### Press Release

Method Park sponsors ASQF Advancement Prize

***Ralf Spengler, who studied computer sciences, is awarded with the Advancement Prize for his outstanding final project in the winter semester of 2015/16. The prize amounts to 500 euros, awarded by the German Association for Software Quality and Further Education (ASQF) and sponsored by Method Park.***

Erlangen, July 1st, 2016 – The company group, Method Park, based in Erlangen, places particular emphasis on the promotion of young and talented career entrants and so the Method Park management board sponsored the ASQF Advancement Prize for the recent winter semester.

This prize is awarded to a graduate who studied computer sciences at the university of Erlangen-Nuremberg: Ralf Spengler received an A (1.0) for his final paper in which he dealt with cooperation of autonomous robots, among others, for planning new routes and creating or decomposing convoys. Method Park CEO, Prof. Dr. Bernd Hindel, awarded the prize amounting to 500 euros to Ralf Spengler at the graduation celebration of the faculty of engineering in the lecture hall “Audimax” of the university in Erlangen.

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**About the ASQF Advancement Prize**

Starting in 1999, the ASQF awards this prize of 500 euros, once a semester for outstanding performance during studies, short periods of studying resulting in graduation or final papers, in which practical relevance and software quality aspects are the focus. This prize is awarded at six universities in Germany: FU Berlin, FH Brandenburg, BTU Cottbus, FH Nuremberg, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, TU Munich.

About Method Park

For many years Method Park has successfully offered consulting in questions of software for safety-critical systems in the automotive industry and in the medical technology area, for which the company develops its own software solutions. Method Park brings extensive know-how to fields with high and extremely high safety requirements. With this knowledge Method Park offers its customers a variety of solutions from a single source that contribute to the success of each company. Method Park is the competent partner for consulting, coaching, training, engineering services and products for all questions of software development processes. The "Stages" Web-based process management portal developed by Method Park supports users with the practical implementation of development processes. Stages ensures the realization of predefined quality standards and process models and can be integrated in all common development environments. Furthermore, Stages enables the global distribution of development tasks beyond corporate boundaries. Founded in Erlangen in 2001, Method Park employs around 130 persons at sites in Erlangen, Munich and Stuttgart, as well as in Detroit and Miami in the USA.

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