

## KUKA at trade fair „Handwerk“ in Wels, Upper Austria

From March 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 the trade fair “Handwerk” took place in Wels, Upper Austria. This year’s highlight was the so-called “Forum Innovation”, organized by the Furniture & Timber Construction Cluster (MHC) together with Messe Wels.

It was a melting pot for successful entrepreneurs, visionary thinkers and creative heads from the timber construction industry. They presented their innovations and research outcomes – starting with 3D printing to hand-made skateboards. Part of these innovations was a KUKA robot which attracted the visitors by milling their portraits on small plates.

The application was part of the project Robotic Woodcraft, a research project at the University for Applied Arts in Vienna in cooperation with the Association for Robots in Architecture and LUCY.D Design. Dr. Christoph Leitl, president of the Chamber of Commerce Austria, was among the lucky ones who received a robot-made portrait.



From left to right: Erich Gaffal (MHC-Cluster Manager), Stephan Hölzl (MHC-Project Manager), Dr. Christoph Leitl (President of Chamber of Commerce), Georg Sampl (Employee at University of Applied Arts Vienna) Credits: Messe Wels – Handwerk 2017