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Press Release: VI-grade Announces Record Subscriptions to the 2012 Edition of the Virtual Formula Competition

The 4th edition of this competition attracted almost 5 times as many teams as the first edition

Marburg, November 10th, 2012 – VI-grade GmbH, the leading provider of best-in-class products and services to bridge the gap between real world testing and technical simulation, today announced that a record amount of teams have subscribed to the 2012 edition of the Virtual Formula competition. In particular, VI-grade has received 88 registrations, almost 5 times as many as the first edition of the competition.

“This year’s edition of Virtual Formula received an overwhelming amount of registrations in representation of 22 countries from all over the world”, said Guido Bairati, Sales Director of VI-grade. “We are extremely pleased by the resonance that we – together with the sponsors of the initiative – have managed to build around this year’s edition.”

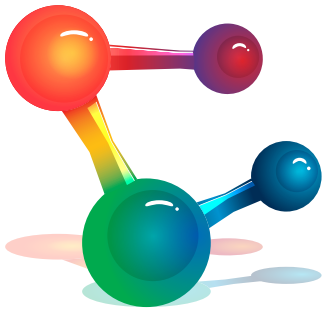
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Virtual Formula 2012, realized with the media partnership of the Vehicle Dynamics International magazine and in collaboration with Lamborghini, is built upon the rules and regulations of the popular Formula SAE and Formula Student. The competition, that has seen in its past editions the participation of almost 200 teams worldwide, will be based on the usage of VI-Motorsport, VI-grade’s interactive simulation environment for motorsport vehicle modeling and dynamic analysis and will challenge the participating teams to optimize the performance of a virtual race car, minimizing the lap time on a given autocross track. Registered teams will have time until Jan 15th, 2013 to submit their results to VI-grade. The competition will end with an official presentation of the results and award ceremony during the forthcoming VI-grade 5th Users Conference: the winning team will receive 2 VI-Motorsport licenses, a 1-day exciting VI-DriveSim session at VI-grade’s SimCenter as well as lots of merchandising material provided by Lamborghini, technical sponsor of the competition.

More information on the Virtual Formula can be found on <http://www.vi-grade.com/virtualformula.html>.

The high-quality promotional image of the Virtual Formula can be downloaded at this link:
<http://www.vi-grade.com/VirtualFormula2012.jpg>





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About VI-Motorsport

VI-Motorsport is an interactive simulation environment for vehicle modeling and dynamic analysis, which helps race cars designers and track engineers to predict vehicle performance when set-up parameters are modified, before the car is built and also in support of race events. VI-Motorsport is based on a dynamic faster-than-real-time simulation solver which can predict the virtual car behavior and has been extensively validated against test data in various race car series. VI-Motorsport allows to create road data files for tire contact and driveline targets represented through analytical description, GPS, laser or telemetry data measurements. Thanks to VI-grade proprietary advanced driver algorithms, users can drive their vehicle models on a track section or on an entire lap, in order to detect the limits of the car. For further information please visit: www.vi-grade.com/index.php?pagid=vi_motorsport.

About VI-grade

VI-grade GmbH is the leading provider of best-in-class software products and services for advanced applications in the field of system level simulation. VI-grade, established in 2005, delivers innovative solutions to streamline the development process from concept to sign-off in the transportation industry, mainly automotive, aerospace, motorcycle, motorsports and railways. With office locations in Germany, Italy, Japan, and the USA, and a worldwide channel network of 20 trusted partners, VI-grade is a young and growing company with a highly skilled technical team. For further information, please visit: <http://www.vi-grade.com>

About Compumod

First established in 1982, Compumod quickly became the name to trust for the supply and support of advanced computer aided engineering simulation tools throughout SE Asia. Relaunched in 2010 Compumod is back, doing what it does best supporting the world's leading Engineering Analysis tools across Australia and New Zealand. Compumod's mission is to deliver state of the art Computer Aided Engineering tools and services to Australian and New Zealand businesses to help them achieve a competitive advantage and sustainable return on investment.

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