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University of Luebeck wins SAUC-Europe '11 at NURC, the AUV challenge for university students

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Next edition will be held again at NATO Undersea Research Centre, La Spezia*

University of Luebeck from Germany, triumphed over 9 other teams to win the SAUC-E '11, the 6th Student Autonomous Underwater Challenge Europe. **The team's AUV called "Hanse"** got the highest score successfully completing a number of mission tasks assigned. **The 2nd prize went to University of Girona (2010 Champions)** from Spain with its AUV "Sparus", while **DFKI Bremen from Germany took home the 3rd prize, closely followed by ENSTA Bretagne (4th)**. Heriot-Watt University entered the final phase and got the "Cooperation Award".

The other participating teams were from University of Southampton and University of Birmingham, a joint team that won the "Engineering Award", the University of West England, that won the "Experimentation Award", ESIEA Paris (two teams) that won "Perseverance & tenacity Award" and "Best Use of Resources" Award and Cambridge University that won the "Teamwork Award".

An international jury of experts awarded the three teams that not only built the most efficient, reliable and compelling vehicles but also stood out for technical merit, craftsmanship, safety of design, marketing and fund-raising efforts. The winners' prizes for the first four seeded are **4000, 3000, 2000, 1500 Euros** to be used by the team to improve their equipment for future competitions. All the other teams received **1000 Euros** each to encourage their work.

"As every competition, also **SAUC-E '11** was a challenge for all participants", says **Dirk Tielbuerger, Director of NURC**, during the award ceremony. "All teams performed with important achievements that will help them to continue with their work in the future. Overall the whole event was a great success".

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