



EuroBLECH 2006 offered a comprehensive market overview for more than 64,000 trade visitors.

## EuroBLECH sets technology trends

“EuroBLECH”, the international technology fair for metal forming machines and systems, took place between 24 and 28 October 2006 in Hanover, Germany. 1,400 suppliers from more than 40 countries presented new techniques and trends in 15 technology areas.

This year, the focus was on technologies for optimizing production quality and reducing production costs. Beckhoff automation systems featuring PC- and Ethernet-based control technology are ideally suited to meet these requirements. Klaus Schmolz, Beckhoff Sector Manager for the sheet metal working industry, explains the benefits: “Metal forming involves high forces and velocities, which means that dynamic and precise control technology is required. In conjunction with TwinCAT, the EtherCAT real-time Ethernet system enables response times of around 100  $\mu$ s and therefore offers an ideal basis for meeting high quality targets and scope for cost optimization at the same time.”

