

Cambridge English exam centre in Winterthur wins technology award

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Cambridge English Examinations Zurich/Winterthur/Chur has won the *Excellence in Technology Award* at the Platinum Centre of the Year Awards 2013, organised by Cambridge English Language Assessment. The prestigious awards ceremony, held at the Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge recently, is an annual event that recognises outstanding achievement for the English exam sector.



The judges gave the award to Pete Kaithan General Manager of the exam centre. The award was presented to Lori Kaithan, Centre Examinations Manager at the centre, at a special ceremony that coincided with the 100th anniversary of the Cambridge English exams. The centre impressed the judges with their network of computer-based labs which can cater for up to 130 sittings of Cambridge English exams per year. The labs in Zurich, Chur, Winterthur and Basel can be set up for exams remotely using a VPN Network and are in constant contact through a remote Skype support system. They were set up four years ago and the exam centre has seen an increase in candidates every year with numbers doubling in the first year.

‘Cambridge English Examinations Zurich/Winterthur/Chur has shown how technology is playing an increasingly important role in offering English language exams. They’ve put a really impressive strategy in place that not only complements traditional paper-based exams but it shows they are ready for the changing landscape in education.’ commented Juliet Wilson, Director of Network Services at Cambridge English Language Assessment. “This year we’re celebrating our 100th Anniversary and our exam centres have always been an important part of our success. I’d like to congratulate all of the winners this evening for helping to bring the benefits of Cambridge English to an ever-growing number of learners around the world.”

The annual awards were open to Cambridge English Language Assessment’s Platinum Centre Network – an initiative set up to recognise highly active Cambridge English exam centres. Cambridge English Language Assessment currently has 68 Platinum Centres based in countries around the world.

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