Reggio Emilia, 8 November 2012 – The sixth edition of the Italian Mechatronics Award, organised and promoted by the Association of Entrepreneurs of Reggio Emilia in collaboration with the Mechatronics Club, was awarded to Corghi, the world leader in the manufacture of equipment for tyre dealers and car repair shops. Special mention went to Bellco “for its three innovative blood clearance machines concurrently presented in 2012 - of which one is the only one in the world exclusively dedicated to neonatal and paediatric patients - in collaboration with the Department of Nephrology and IRRIV of Vicenza, and because just three months after the earthquake that struck Emilia last May, the company fully resumed its production activities maintaining its presence in the biomedical district of Mirandola”.

Through the Italian Mechatronics Award the Association of Entrepreneurs of Reggio Emilia wants to transmit and communicate the need for innovation of the Italian entrepreneurial system. Stefano Landi, President of the Association, declares: “Mechatronic solutions today represent the new frontier of the national mechanics industry more and more focused on higher value productions leaving the ‘poorer’ ones to the emerging economies of Eastern Europe and the Far East. In this perspective, the Italian mechanics industry will be able to see growth of its competitive capabilities only as long as it manages to develop the mechatronic expertise essential to lend distinctive features to its products. All five finalists perfectly demonstrated to have this expertise, especially Corghi, who won this sixth edition of the Award.”

The official award ceremony was held on Thursday, 8 November, at Teatro Valli in Reggio Emilia, on the occasion of the seminar on “Industry and mechatronic revolution”. Among the speakers were Paolo Borzatta, Senior Partner of The European House - Ambrosetti S.p.A., Alberto Bombassei, President of Brembo S.p.A., Luca Paolazzi, Director of Confindustria Study Centre and Maurizio Marchesini, President of Confindustria Emilia-Romagna.

The other companies selected as finalists with the collaboration of Nòva24, media partner of the initiative, are: COSBERG, focused on design and construction of machines and modules for assembly process automation, PITOM, specialised in design and construction of advanced control, guidance and navigation systems for unmanned terrestrial, aerial and marine vehicles, and SMOOV ASRV, leader in distributed automation solutions for goods storage and handling.