

## Choice for a New Era



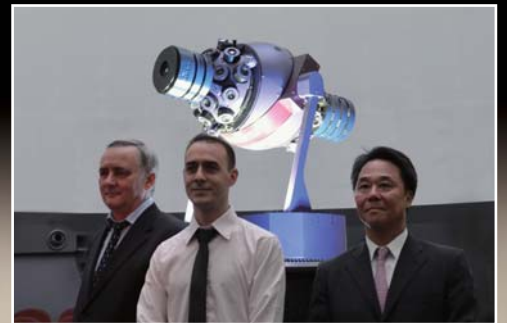
In 1974, the city of Cottbus, Germany opened Raumflugplanetarium "Juri Gagarin." It celebrated the Soviet space pioneer, and welcomed visitors into its 12.5 meter dome to see the wonders of space. Over the years, thousands of students and families enjoyed the sky and the wonderful stories the staff could tell about it. But of course in the past 4 decades, the Soviet era ended and new technologies developed.

The Cottbus planetarium director, Gerd Thiele, is also president of the GDP, the German-speaking association of planetariums. As such, he and his team had the opportunity to see many examples of planetariums, to speak with colleagues, and to learn all about the realities of new systems. He did his homework regarding the fabulous capabilities of the new HYBRID systems, but also asked about real world issues such as long-term operational and maintenance costs, spare parts availability beyond the 10 years that some companies now offer, a strong European service and support system, and ultimately, the lifetime costs of systems.

The GOTO CHRONOS II HYBRID offered what he was looking for. He found a full-dome system that he really liked in RSA Cosmos, and after several European scouting trips, he chose RSA Cosmos to supply his future digital system and theater integration services. And after seeing a demonstration of a GOTO opto-mechanical sky in his own dome, he knew that the CHRONOS II was the right choice. This opto-mechanical projector was much more accurate and energy conserving than his old machine, has a more comprehensive control system, and a gorgeous sky.

And so on June 19, 2013, Europe's first GOTO CHRONOS II HYBRID planetarium opened to rave reviews. It won't be the last! Already, another CHRONOS II HYBRID opening is scheduled this fall, and more are to follow.

Each one is making the choice of the GOTO CHRONOS II HYBRID to begin a new era for their planetarium. When does your planetarium's new era begin?



Cottbus Planetarium Director Gerd Thiele (left), RSA Cosmos president Benjamin Cabut (center), and GOTO INC president Nobutaka Goto (right)

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