

## The KUKA May Day celebrations at LIGNA 2009



The setting up of a maypole is an old tradition that goes way back to the 16th century. In many villages in southern Germany, and also in other countries of Europe, it remains a well-established custom to this day.

A few days before May Day, the young men of the village fell a tall, straight spruce tree. Once all the branches have been lopped off and the tree – which can measure up to 30 m – has been decorated with colorful ribbons, it is erected at a central point in the village by strong men with long poles and ladders. **KUKA is taking the liberty of breaking slightly with tradition: the world-record-holding KR 1000 titan, with its payload capacity of 1,000 kg, performs this task with ease and utmost precision.**

Traditional insignia of the guilds representing local trades are attached to the maypole along with coats of arms. **At LIGNA, the KR 40 PA palletizing robot is demonstrating just how precisely it can attach these plates – one of its infinite range of potential applications in the woodworking sector.**

Celebrations are held under the maypole and **the flexible and nimble KR 40 PA helps out here, too, quickly laying entire tables.**

The special beer for the May Day celebrations is kept in large wooden barrels. **The KR 700 PA effortlessly handles and palletizes them. This heavyweight palletizing robot is celebrating its world premiere at Ligna. It is demonstrating what it can do with its payload capacity of 700 kg and reach of 3,320 mm. KUKA offers the largest range of palletizing robots, covering payload capacities from 40 kg to 1,300 kg.**

A sense of togetherness and good cooperation are important elements of any May Day celebration. And KUKA is no exception. We look forward to your visit, your participation in the festivities and your interest in our solutions for the forestry and wood industries.

Welcome!

Your KUKA trade fair team

