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Gala evening prior to IFAT 2018 **GreenTec Awards finalists have been confirmed**

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The online vote on the GreenTec Awards 2018 finalists has ended: the three most innovative projects have been selected from every category's top 10 list. On May 13, the GreenTec Awards for the eleventh time will distinguish the best innovations in the fields of environmental protection and sustainability. The exclusive gala evening is the prelude to IFAT, the World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management, taking place from May 14 to 18 in Munich.

For every category, the jury chose two finalists, the third was determined in the online voting – with votes from more than 130 countries worldwide. “To only have three innovations in the finals often seems to be unfair,” says Sven Krüger, Initiator of the GreenTec Awards. “Over and over again, we are impressed with the commitment of individual people and the high level of the many projects submitted.” Stefan Rummel, Managing Director of Messe München and organizer of IFAT adds: “We watch the finalists of the GreenTec Awards with great interest. New ideas and concepts in environment protection are enormously important to find the answers to the most significant questions of tomorrow.”

The finalists at a glance

The top 3 in **Construction & Living** are the projects of DAW SE (sustainable wood care products based on camelina), CONTAINERWERK eins (conversion of used sea freight containers into living space) and Werkgemeinschaft Böhme Hilse Diplomingenieure Freie Architekten (housing area with surplus energy, district-power and e-mobility).

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In the **Energy** category, Fraunhofer ISE (18 % more power through innovative solar cell design), MWK Bionik (self-cleaning coating for PV plants) and sonnen (produce, store and share own and clean energy) were selected.

The three finalists in the **Galileo Wissenspreis** category are Biolab Eberswalde (sustainable mushroom-based materials to reduce plastic use), AES (sustainable energy system to supply a single-family home) and REelectronics (to allow an ecological and economical recycling of electronic scrap).

In **Lifestyle**, tip me (tip for product manufacturers), Relenda (the environmentally conscious generation: renting and using over buying) and aha-Zweckverband (Hannoccino: innovative reusable cup system) took the three places in the final.

In the category of **Mobility**, DiniTech GmbH (charging of electric cars on any conventional power socket), paper planes e.V. (Radbahn under Berlin's U1) and Alstom (CO2 emission-free train that runs with a fuel cell) are the three best innovations.

The finalists of **Resources & Recycling by Veolia** are creapaper GmbH (grass paper), Enactus RUB (a profitable, ecological alternative to burning electronic waste) and the Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (turning industrial waste into a business opportunity).

In the **Sports by Jack Wolfskin** category, SunnyBag GmbH (The Leaf+ solar panel charges all devices on the go), VAUDE (sustainable outdoor gear) and Solarskilift Tenna (world's first solar-powered winter sports) were chosen. einhorn products (fair and sustainably produced condoms), CONTAINERWERK eins (see above) and Fresh Energy (fighting power guzzlers: eco-friendly, low-cost, data-driven) compete for the **Special Prize Start-up**.

The finalists in **Sustainable Development** are BIO-LUTIONS International (biodegradable packaging made of 100 % agricultural waste), SUNfarming (agro-solar greenhouses) and Land Life Company (combat against desertification).

The **Water & Sewage** category's top3 are Unimatec Chemicals Europe GmbH (portable water filter), Enactus Regensburg e.V. (cost-effective water filter for Africa) and Enactus Hochschule Bochum (Roots Up green house with its own water-production).

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The jury meeting

On February 21, 2018, the selection committee will define the winners for all categories. The jury consists of representatives of economy, politics and media, including Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert (German Institute for Economic Research), Marco Vollmar (WWF Executive Director Communications) and Anna Loos (actress and musician), thus covering all socially relevant fields.

More information on IFAT is available at www.ifat.de and on the GreenTec Awards at www.greentec-awards.com.

GreenTec Awards

Since their foundation in 2008, the GreenTec Awards have become the world's most significant environmental award and have been the stepping stone to success for many sustainable projects. In 2018, the GreenTec Awards are the prelude to IFAT, the leading trade fair for environmental technology in Munich. The gala event will take place on May 13, 2018.

IFAT

IFAT is the world's leading trade event for environmental technology. A total of 3,097 exhibitors from 59 countries, and 136,885 visitors from 168 countries took part in the last event. IFAT is held every two years; the next edition takes place from May 14 to 18, 2018 in Munich.

IFAT worldwide

Messe München's competence in organizing environmental-technology events is demonstrated not only in the world's leading trade fair for the sector, IFAT, but also in a range of other international trade exhibitions around the world. The spectrum encompasses IFAT Africa in Johannesburg, IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul, IFAT India in Mumbai, and IE expo in Shanghai. With IE expo Guangzhou there is now also a regional edition of the trade fair, focusing on the market in South China.

Messe München

Messe München is one of the leading exhibition organizers worldwide with more than 50 of its own trade shows for capital goods, consumer goods and new technologies. Every year, a total of over 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors take part in more than 200 events at the exhibition center in Munich, at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München as well as abroad. Together with its subsidiary companies, Messe München organizes trade shows in China, India, Brazil, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, Vietnam and Iran. With a network of associated companies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America as well as around 70 representations abroad for over 100 countries, Messe München has a global presence.