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## Press Release

### LASER World of PHOTONICS Awards: Prizes for viable solutions

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- Premiere for Innovation Award
- Start-Up Award goes into the third round
- Top-class jury picks winners

**Two awards at once are being handed out at this year's LASER World of PHOTONICS, the world's leading trade fair, taking place in Munich from June 24 to 27: The Innovation Award, being conferred for the first time, honors the best product premieres by exhibitors, while the Start-Up Award, now being presented for the third time, is directed at young entrepreneurs offering innovative solutions. The awards are worth 5,000 euros apiece and are being bestowed in collaboration with British publishing house Europa Science.**

A [sensor capable of contactlessly measuring more than 20 vital patient signs](#) – this solution won the Israeli-Spanish-American team from ContinUse Biometrics the Start-Up Award at LASER World of PHOTONICS 2017.

“The Start-Up Award contestants are living proof just how many innovative ideas are being generated by photonics. Which is why it isn't just the established Start-Up Award being conferred at LASER World of PHOTONICS 2019 but the Innovation Award as well. This enables us to give innovation an even bigger platform”, says Katja Stolle, the trade fair's Exhibition Director.

The application categories for the Start-Up Award and Innovation Award are:

- Laser & Optoelectronics / Lighting and Energy
- Optics
- Laser & laser systems in production engineering
- Biophotonics & Medical Engineering

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- Imaging / Sensors, Test and measurement technology and Optical measurement systems
- Manufacturing technology for optics
- Optical information and communication
- Security

The closing date for both awards is March 29, 2019. A top-quality jury for each accolade will select the finalists for both the Start-Up Award and Innovation Award from among the innovation submissions. The announcement of the winners and presentation of the awards will take place at LASER World of PHOTONICS.

The Awards' judges are:

- Dr. Markus Bartram, Picolas GmbH
- Jonathan Blackburn, Association of Industrial Laser Users / TWI Ltd
- Dr. Wilhelm Kaenders, TOPTICA Photonics AG
- Prof. Peter Loosen, Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology
- Jürgen Niederhofer, Newport Spectra-Physics GmbH
- Dr. Andreas Olmes, High-Tech Gründerfonds Management GmbH
- Dr. Andreas Popp, TRUMPF Lasertechnik GmbH
- Prof. Jürgen Popp, Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology Jena
- Gregory Quarles, The Optical Society (OSA)
- Dr. Ronald Sroka, LIFE-Center, Hospital of University Munich
- Prof. Falk Strascheg, Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship (SCE)
- Dr. Wenko Süptitz, SPECTARIS
- Prof. Andreas Tünnermann, Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering
- Prof. Paul Urbach, TU Delft

**More information about participation in the LASER World of PHOTONICS Awards is available at <https://world-of-photonics.com/visitors/supporting-program/awards/index.html>**

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**Further information, interviews, trends and topics can also be found in the [photonics industry portal](#), the information platform for photonics.**

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#### **About LASER World of PHOTONICS**

The LASER World of PHOTONICS is the world's leading platform for the laser and photonics industry. Europe's largest World of Photonics Congress will be taking place in parallel with the trade fair. The program comprises a variety of scientific conferences of leading global organizations. Supplementing this Messe München GmbH will be offering practical lectures on the applications of photonics ("Application Panels"). In 2017 the trade fair set an exhibitor record with 1,293 exhibitors from 42 countries. More than 32,000 trade visitors from 90 countries entered the Messe München site. The World of Photonics Congress registered around 3500 participants, with around 3,000 lectures and presentations including poster presentations on offer. The LASER World of PHOTONICS has been organized by Messe München International every two years since 1973; the next event will take place in Munich from June 24–27, 2019, the next World of Photonics Congress will take place in parallel from June 23–27, 2019 in the ICM - International Congress Center Munich.

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#### **About the LASER World of PHOTONICS global network**

The LASER World of PHOTONICS has developed an international trade fair network. The LASER World of PHOTONICS in Munich is the world's leading laser and photonics trade fair and as the innovation pacemaker is where the global photonics industry gathers every two years. The [LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA](#) and the [LASER World of PHOTONICS INDIA](#) are leading regional trade fairs for laser and optical technologies and are staged annually in China (Shanghai) and in India (alternating between Bengaluru, Mumbai, Bangalore and New Delhi). With these trade fairs in Munich, China and India, Messe München is the world's leading trade fair organizer for lasers and photonics.

#### **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.