



Press Release

PHOTONICS Award winners announced at the STARTUP WORLD 2017

PHOTONICS Award competition assigns most innovative technology solutions in the exemplary categories of Imaging / Sensors, Test & Measurement, Lasers & laser systems for production engineering and Biophotonics & Medical engineering

Munich, 29 June 2017 – The most innovative photonics technology solutions were in the spotlight on 27 – 28 June 2017 at the STARTUP WORLD of LASER World of PHOTONICS competition, presented by Messe München GmbH and AZO, Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen.

An expert jury consisting of Edgar Jochheim (JOINCO® Innovation Consulting), Jürgen Niederhofer (Newport Spectra-Physics), Andreas Popp (TRUMPF Venture) and Falk Strascheg (Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship) rated the TOP 5 product applications presented live on stage and selected three winners. These five startups out of twenty nominations exhibited at the LASER World of PHOTONICS and earned top honours in the categories Imaging/Sensor, Test & Measurement, Laser & Laser systems for production engineering and Biophotonics & Medical engineering. Three startups were recognised as the winners and awarded with cash prizes during the PHOTONICS Award ceremony at the STARTUP WORLD on 27 June 2017:

- ContinUse Biometrics, Israel (1st Place)
- ATR Elements, Germany (2nd Place)
- Crystalline Mirror Solutions, Austria (3rd Place)

A wide array of cutting-edge innovations were introduced at this year's competition, ranging from a cost-effective and signal-enhanced silicon ATR Crystal, a handheld remote and contactless bio-sensing device, semiconductor supermirrors, a matchbox series up to an extremely bright deep UV supercontinuum source.

“After executing STARTUP WORLD and AUTOMATICA the fourth time, the number of startups submitting their brilliant ideas continues to grow and proves how popular the competitions have become,” explained Thorsten Rudolph, Managing Director of the organiser AZO. “This year's startups were very strong entries, and I am excited to see how these companies will continue to grow as a result of the exposure they received here.”



The STARTUP WORLD is a unique marketplace of innovation and a matchmaking platform for startup companies, industry and investors.

About AZO

AZO has established a global network for innovation and entrepreneurship. It supports product innovation and company foundations in the field of commercial space applications along the entire value chain – from the idea all the way to market entry. AZO has extensive experience in organising innovation competitions such as the European Satellite Navigation Competition, the Copernicus Masters (Earth observation), the Space Exploration Masters, the STARTUP WORLD Awards (laser photonics and robotics), and the INNOspace Masters (New Space Economy), app developer camps and conferences, and manages ESA BIC Bavaria.

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