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The world looks to Erfurt – 3D Pioneers Challenge design competition attracts worldwide attention

(Erfurt, 2 May 2016) With entries from 9 different countries, the **3D Pioneers Challenge**, part of the Rapid.Tech + FabCon 3.D trade fair and conference, has attracted an impressive global response. The design competition for additive manufacturing processes aims to attract international participants from the worlds of design, architecture, automotive, fashion and medicine, who are breaking new ground with 3D printing and picking up on the latest trends and ideas. Prize money for the 3D Pioneers Challenge is 15,000 euros in total, awarded across all categories.

“We’ve been particularly impressed with the high quality of entries from Germany, France, Hungary, the UK, the US, Israel, the Netherlands, Austria and Serbia, as well as with their diversity,” said judging panel member Joachim Stumpp from the Stuttgart materials agency, raumPROBE.

The 11-member international judging panel has now shortlisted 29 entries for the final in Erfurt, where the winners will be announced on 15 June 2016. All the finalists’ submissions will also be exhibited at Rapid.Tech + FabCon 3.D from 14 to 16 June 2016 in Erfurt. The winning exhibits will then embark on an international road show.

The competition is organised by Messe Erfurt, in collaboration with the design and consultancy firm d.sign21.

The 3D Pioneers Challenge judging panel

Francis Bitonti, Francis Bitonti Studio; Florian Horsch, 3D Druck Consulting; Silvia Olp, Director of aed e.V., aed Society for Advancement of Architecture, Engineering, Design; Rachel Park, RP Editorial Services; Dr Sascha Peters, Haute Innovation; Tom Schönherr, Managing Partner, Phoenix Design Stuttgart/Munich/Shanghai; Joachim Stumpp, Managing Director and Architect, raumPROBE; Prof Andreas Uebele, Büro Uebele; Andreas Velten, Institut für Anaplastologie Berlin; Christoph Völcker, Head of Design and Production VOXELWORLD; Wolf Udo Wagner, Studio Wagner:Design, Deutscher Designer Club (DDC); Kay Uwe Witte, XODESIGNGROUP LLC

3D Pioneers Challenge partners

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About d.sign21

d.sign21 is a design and consultancy agency with a wealth of experience in developing and organising design challenges. Its **3D Pioneers Challenge** brings together expertise in design, additive technologies and global networking.
www.d-sign21.de

About Rapid.Tech + FabCon 3.D

The Rapid.Tech international trade show and User’s Conference is aimed specifically at users and developers of Additive Manufacturing technologies. With participants from over 18 countries, it is one of the most important information events in Europe. 160 exhibitors, over 4,000 trade visitors and more than 700 conference participants from Europe and around the globe are expected in Erfurt from 14 to 16 June 2016. Since 2013, Rapid.Tech has been run in tandem with FabCon 3.D,



which focuses on people with an interest outside the traditional industries. It is a meeting point both for creative start-ups and for experts and major players in the 3D Printing community.

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