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10 years of the 3D Pioneers Challenge - looking for pioneers of the decade!

(Erfurt, December 09, 2024) In the upcoming year 2025, the 3D Pioneers Challenge (3DPC) will celebrate its 10th anniversary! Since 2015, the competition for additive manufacturing and advanced technologies has been offering pioneers a stage at rapid.tech 3D. Innovations have been honored that pushed the boundaries of what is possible, inspired the sector and thus significantly advanced it. From students and start-ups to research institutes and industry giants - year after year, the submissions have become more international and numerous, the categories more diverse and the jury participation more cross-industry.

Over the years, the range of projects has reflected the great potential of new technologies and their applications. And this potential doesn't stop increasing. This is exemplified by entries such as the world's first 3D-printed heart made from stem cells from Israel or the automated printed bridge in the Netherlands, which set new standards in the construction industry. As well as material developments to push the circular economy in the fashion world for example, up to AI-supported processes that foster the combination of new technologies.

Looking retrospectively and with foresight, the initiators of the 3DPC platform Simone and Christoph Völcker ask themselves about the alignment of the anniversary edition: "Where did the journey take them? Where were the pioneers with their projects then, where are they now? What impact are they currently creating for the 3D printing sector or even the manufacturing industry?"

All finalists and winners from the last decade will have the chance to face the high-class jury again. Who will succeed to sign-up in the "Who is who" at the special exhibition?

The 3DPC 10 years exhibition will take place as part of rapid.tech 3D from May 13 to 15, 2025, Messe Erfurt, Germany.

Applications for the anniversary edition can be submitted from January 20 at www.3dpc.io !



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About rapid.tech 3D

rapid.tech 3D is the forward-looking, pioneering event for the AM community at Messe Erfurt. The event offers a successful triad of technical conference, exhibition and networking opportunities for the AM industry.

About 3D Pioneers Challenge

The international competition for Additive Manufacturing processes and Advanced Technologies is the most prestigious award of its kind. The annual announcement and presentation of the finalists is considered to be the innovation monitor of the industry. Unique in its structure, the competition has been addressing specialists who think outside the box since 2015 - **pushing boundaries!**

3DPC Platform

The Challenge has become a platform with a global network and is an interface for creative future-makers, pioneers of advanced technologies and innovators from research and industry.

3DPC & Friends

Under the umbrella of 3DPC & Friends, 3DPC brings together the creative minds and high-tech pioneers of the 3DPC platform in an interdisciplinary way, resulting in new, ground-breaking projects in which everyone can contribute and live out their expertise - design rethought! The 3DPC shows today what tomorrow will bring - **pushing boundaries.**