

Press Release



BERTHOLD LEIBINGER
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Wanted: Innovative Laser Technology

**International call for applications for Berthold Leibinger
Innovationspreis 2010 – Closing Date: December 1, 2009 –
Award Ceremony in the year of the laser's 50th Anniversary**

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Developers and researchers who work in the field of laser technology can now apply or be proposed for the Berthold Leibinger Innovationspreis 2010. The international prize of the private foundation Berthold Leibinger Stiftung is granted every other year for innovations pertaining to the application or generating of laser light.

Starting with this call, the prize money has been increased. At the prize ceremony on July 9, 2010, fifty years after the invention of the first laser, the following prize money will be awarded: 30,000 euros for the first, 20,000 for the second and 10,000 euros for the third prize.

Eligible to apply or be proposed are individuals and project groups worldwide whose main development efforts and market potential lies in the application or generating of laser light.

The application deadline is December 1, 2009. Nominees will be invited by the foundation to make a presentation of their work during the jury session in April next spring.

"The capacity for innovation is the key to the future. The issues that arise around the world can be solved only by continual progress in science and technology," Professor Berthold Leibinger, the founder of Berthold Leibinger Stiftung noted. With the innovation and research prizes the non-profit foundation Berthold Leibinger Stiftung promotes laser technology research and development and showcases the results to the public. Since 2000, the foundation has been awarding the innovation prize and a research prize every other year.

Further information regarding the 2010 Berthold Leibinger Innovationspreis is available at www.leibinger-stiftung.de.