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Press Release

New dates

LASER World of PHOTONICS is postponed

- Trade fair to take place from April 26 to 29 2022,
- World of Photonics Congress still in June 2021 in a digital format

The world's leading trade fair for photonics components, systems and applications enables advance planning for exhibitors and visitors with new trade fair dates for spring 2022. In close coordination with the industry, partners and advisory boards, Messe München has decided to postpone LASER World of PHOTONICS to April 26 to 29, 2022. World of Photonics Congress will be held in a digital format on the original dates of June 20-24, 2021.

Due to the existing travel restrictions and the currently unclear Covid-19 situation, Messe München has decided to postpone LASER World of PHOTONICS by ten months. One of the main grounds for this decision is the large share of international exhibitors and visitors, accounting for more than half of the total number of participants, a high proportion of whom come from other continents. Under the current conditions, holding LASER World of PHOTONICS in June would make it impossible for the trade fair to live up to its standard of being the world's leading trade fair and to provide the on-site platform for innovations and products with in-depth technical discussions that is so highly valued by the industry.

“With the new date, we can offer our customers planning certainty in a timely manner,” says Dr. Reinhard Pfeiffer, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Messe München, and adds: “With this postponement of the trade fair event, we are creating the basis for a successful in-person international trade fair and following the wishes of our exhibitors and visitors.”

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Messe München has worked out the details of postponing the planned trade fair in close consultation with the Exhibitors' Advisory Board. A clear majority of the exhibitors surveyed support the date change. "We support the postponement to April 2022 and are already now looking forward to the time the photonics industry will definitely be able to meet again in person," says Dr. Wilhelm Kaenders, Chairman of the Exhibitor Advisory Board of LASER World of PHOTONICS and Member of the Board of TOPTICA Photonics AG.

World of Photonics Congress in a digital format

While the trade fair gets new dates, the scientific congress will be held as an online event on the originally scheduled dates of June 20-24, 2021. At the virtual World of Photonic Congress there will be five conferences with more than 40 sub-topics. The range of topics will extend from basic research to applied science, from laser science, photonics and quantum optics, optical metrology, digital optical technologies and biomedical optics to the use of lasers in production engineering.

"LASER World of PHOTONICS Talk" webinar series starts in March

Until the next LASER World of PHOTONICS in Munich, a new webinar series will facilitate knowledge exchange and communication in the industry: The first two editions of "LASER World of PHOTONICS Talk" will focus on the trend topic of quantum technology. The series will start on March 3 at 11:00 a.m CET and will be streamed live. Participation via the LASER World of PHOTONICS website is free of charge.

Learn more: www.world-of-photonics.com

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About LASER World of PHOTONICS

LASER World of PHOTONICS is the world's leading platform for the laser and photonics industry. The fair includes the world's largest World of Photonics Congress. The program comprises a variety of scientific conferences by leading global organizations. Supplementing this Messe München GmbH will be offering practical lectures on the applications of photonics ("Application Panels"). In 2019 the trade fair set an exhibitor record with 1,325 exhibitors from 40 countries. More than 33,999 trade visitors from 82 countries entered the Messe München site. The World of Photonics Congress registered around 4,675 participants, with around 3,600 lectures and presentations on offer, including poster presentations. The LASER World of PHOTONICS has been organized by Messe München every two years since 1973; the next event will take place in Munich from April 26 to 29, 2022, the next World of Photonics Congress will take place from June 20 to 24, 2021 in a digital format.

About the LASER World of PHOTONICS global network

LASER World of PHOTONICS has developed an international trade fair network. LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA and 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 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.

About Messe München

With a stable of more than 50 trade fairs for capital goods, consumer goods and new technologies, Messe München is one of the world's leading trade fair organizers. Every year over 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors take part in the events at the Munich exhibition site, in the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München and in the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München, as well as abroad. Messe München also organizes trade fairs in China, India, Brazil, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, Vietnam and Iran in cooperation with its subsidiaries. With a network of affiliated companies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America as well as more than 70 foreign agencies for more than 100 countries, Messe München has a global presence.