

## **Press Release**

# Prize of the European Microwave Association 2019 awarded to Wolfgang Heinrich

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Making microwave research visible and connecting the players in research and industry - this has been Wolfgang Heinrich's driving force for many years. For his outstanding engagement, the head of the research area III-V electronics at the Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Leibniz-Institut fuer Hoechstfrequenztechnik, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the European Microwave Association (EuMA): "Wolfgang Heinrich has actively shaped the European microwave community and especially EuMA in many functions" states Andy Gibson, chairman of the award committee. Wolfgang Heinrich has been active for many years in Eu-MA and IEEE boards as well as in the technical program committees of the European Microwave Week (EuMW) and the International Microwave Symposium. From 2010 to 2018, he was President of EuMA for three terms. During this period, EuMW has grown very successfully and has become the second largest microwave event in the world. Also, EuMA's further activities were systematically expanded, cooperation with the IEEE strengthened and a sister society agreement concluded. The prize was awarded on 01.10.2019 at this year's European Microwave Week in Paris.

EuMA has members throughout Europe. It is considered to be one of the internationally most important associations for scientists and engineers within microwave technology. The non-profit organization, based in Belgium, promotes cooperation within the field and strengthens microwave activities in Europe through education, training and public relations.

#### About the person

Wolfgang Heinrich received his diploma (1982), PhD (1987), and habilitation degree (1992) from the Technical University Darmstadt, Germany. In 1993 he joined the Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, where he now is head of the research area III-V electronics and deputy director of the institute. Since 2008, he is also with the Technical University Berlin as a professor for High Frequency Technologies. His research focuses on III-V MMICs, GaN power amplifiers, millimeter wave circuits and electromagnetic simulation.

A portrait photo can be downloaded from our website

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