

Press conference of the International Laser Technology Congress AKL'08 with a round table about the topic:

How should we qualify new recruits for science and industry in the fast increasing field of optical technologies?

Place: Sofitel Quellenhof, Room Madrid

Date: Thursday May 8, 2008, 11h a.m. – 12h

Participants:

- Sven Behrens

Managing director, SPECTARIS German Industry Association for Optical, Medical and Mechatronical Technologies, Berlin

- Dr. Michael Mertin

CEO, Jenoptik AG, Jena

- Dr. Joseph Pankert

CTO Business Unit Special Lighting Applications, Philips Lighting B. V., Eindhoven

- Prof. Dr. Reinhart Poprawe M.A.

Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology ILT and vice-rector of RWTH Aachen University

Moderator:

Axel Bauer

Head of marketing und communications, Fraunhofer ILT, Aachen

Structure: - Welcome and presentation of participants (Bauer)

(Duration

~ 60 min)

- Facts and figures of AKL'08 (Bauer)

- 5 min statement Behrens: Development of markets in optical technologies (OT)

- 5 min statement Dr. Mertin: Growth rates versus needs for qualified staff in companies dealing with OT – the example of Jenoptik

- 5 min statement Dr. Pankert: Requirements of the optoelectronic industries for training qualified staff – the point of view of Philips

- 5 min statement Prof. Poprawe: Training activities and further education in OT at the RWTH Aachen University

- 30 min discussion with participating journalists