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LOPEC 2022 Final Report

The printed electronics industry drives innovation in many industries

- **Internationality at more than 50 percent**
- **156 exhibitors from 23 countries**
- **Smart Living and Mobility as focus topics**

In the medical industry or the automotive industry, printed and organic electronics have reached mass products. This is evident at LOPEC, which was held from March 22 to 24, 2022 in the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München. A total of 156 exhibitors from 23 countries and around 2,000 visitors from more than 35 countries visited Munich for this international exhibition and conference for flexible, organic and printed electronics. The proportion of international participants was over 50 percent.

Reinhard Pfeiffer, Deputy CEO of Messe München, is extremely happy and emphasizes that, “this result impressively shows how strong the printed electronics sector is, and also how important it is for it to have a platform and meeting point, to exchange information and experiences in person. The eagerness of participants and exhibitors to speak with one another directly again was crystal clear and contributed enormously to the event’s success.”

In-person dialog is essential

Alain Schumacher, Chief Technology Officer at IEE, shares the above view in every sense: “LOPEC is THE event for printed electronics worldwide. I am personally very happy that after being physically absent for so long, we finally have the chance to attend in person and exchange with our partners, customers and visitors. LOPEC traditionally brings with it a wide-ranging portfolio of

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products and solutions. I am so happy to be here this year, among exhibitors from all over the world, research and technology organizations and everyone involved with the printed electronics industry.” Kathrin Fuss, Global Market and Customer Activation Manager at Henkel, agrees 100%: “Direct contact and interaction with our partners and customers at LOPEC is extremely important for us. We’re over the moon that this is happening live again at this year’s event.”

Printed electronics: “A lot’s been going on”

“Flexible and printed electronics is now a mass product,” says Klaus Hecker, Managing Director of the industry association and LOPEC co-host, OE-A (Organic and Printed Electronics Association), adding: “Walking through the exhibition it was clear that a lot has been happening in the printed electronics industry in the last three years. Flexible displays in cell phones, 3D touch surfaces in cars or household appliances have conquered these markets. The positive vibes you could feel at LOPEC are also reflected in our current business climate survey – more than 76 percent of respondents plan to increase their investments in production for 2022.”

Innovations in mobility and smart living

A lot is also going on with the Mobility and Smart Living focus topics, as Wolfgang Mildner, LOPEC General Chair, confirms: “Research and development in printed flexible electronics made huge progress in the last three years. The progress in the mobility and smart living focus topics in particular was visible in new applications and products – printed electronics enables more and more products and business.”

LOPEC highlights

More than 200 presentations from a total of 23 countries were held at the conference. LOPEC is once again the world’s leading communication platform for technology, solutions, knowledge and research in the printed electronics industry. In the various conference formats, companies such as Heidelberger Druck, Merck, Philips, PolyIC, General Electric Research, KAUST, Sun Chemical

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or Holst and the University of Stuttgart, among others, presented application examples and trends in the printed electronics industry.

Industry giants visit Munich

Numerous key players also took part as exhibitors, such as Coatema, DuPont Teijin Films, Eastman Kodak, ELANTAS, Operations, Hamamatsu Photonics, Henkel, Heraeus, Kroenert, NovaCentrix, Panasonic, Siemens, Varta Microbattery and others. Alongside Germany, the top exhibitor countries were France, the United States, the Netherlands and Italy.

Manfred Salat, LOPEC Project Manager, puts it in a nutshell: “We’re so happy that after two long years LOPEC is up and running again and offering the industry such a top-notch event. The mood among the participants and the feedback really were simply superb.”

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LOPEC

LOPEC (Large-area, Organic & Printed Electronics Convention) is the world’s leading event for printed electronics. The combination of exhibition and conference covers the complexity and dynamism of this young industry perfectly. LOPEC is organized jointly by the OE-A (Organic and Printed Electronics Association) and Messe München GmbH. The next event will take place from February 28 to March 2, 2023 at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München. www.lopec.com

Messe München

Messe München is one of the leading exhibition organizers worldwide with more than 50 of its own trade shows for capital goods, consumer goods and new technologies. Every year, about 50,000 exhibitors and around 3 million visitors take part in more than 200 events at the exhibition center in Munich, at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München, the Conference Center Nord and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München, and also abroad.

Together with its subsidiary companies, Messe München organizes trade fairs in China, India, Brazil, Russia, South Africa, Turkey and Vietnam. With a network of associated companies in Europe, Asia and South America, and with around 70 representations abroad for more than 100 countries, Messe München has a global presence.

OE-A

The OE-A (Organic and Printed Electronics Association) is the world’s leading industrial association for flexible, organic and printed electronics. It represents the entire value chain of this industry. Its members are world-leading companies and institutions, from research and development institutes to, mechanical engineers and material manufacturers to producers and end users. Many more than 200 companies from Europe, Asia, North America, and Africa work together in the OE-A to further advance

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the development of a competitive infrastructure for the production of organic electronics.
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