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### The International Institute of Welding invites online for the second time – Four German award winners are there

**Düsseldorf, July 7, 2021.** Today, the annual assembly and conference of the International Institute of Welding (IIW) started online for the second time. Until July 21, 2021, the IIW invites its members to the "74th IIW on-line Assembly and International Conference". DVS – German Welding Society will be there again with a large online delegation.

At today's opening ceremony, the IIW Awards will also be presented. No less than four German engineers can look forward to these Awards:

- **Evgeny Paton Prize:**  
Professor Dr.-Ing. Michael Gehde, Institut für Fördertechnik und Kunststoffe der TU Chemnitz
- **Walter Edström Medal:**  
Dipl.-Ing. Christian Ahrens, International Welding Consultant (CA-IWC), Duisburg
- **World Best Paper Award for year 2020 in Category B:**  
Dr.-Ing. Arne Kromm, Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung (BAM), Berlin
- **World Best Paper Award for year 2020 in Category C:**  
Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Deinböck, Institut für Maschinelle Anlagentechnik und Betriebsfestigkeit (IMAB) der TU Clausthal

The Heinz Sossenheimer Software Innovation Award, presented by DVS, will go to Feng Zhili and his team from Oak Ridge National Laboratory/USA. The award recognizes contributions to modeling and simulation software in a joining technology field that help to improve work quality and safety.

Due to the ongoing corona pandemic and the good experience with the digital format of the event, the IIW had decided for the "on-line" version for the second time. The IIW delegates and interested parties from the joining industry from all over the world can expect an extensive program in addition to the opening and closing ceremony and as well the award ceremony. Thus, the International Institute of Welding fulfills the wishes of the IIW community for the event: presentations, discussions, elaboration of documents and best practices, general interaction and exchange.

The winners of the IIW Awards will be presented shortly at: [www.dvs-home.de](http://www.dvs-home.de)

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**About DVS**

DVS – German Welding Society is a technical-scientific society with more than 120 years of experience that is comprehensively committed to the approximately 250 different processes of joining, cutting and coating. The heart of all DVS activities is the technical-scientific joint work. It stands for the continuing close linking of content and results from the fields of research, technology and education. The associated companies of DVS process the results from the society and present them to the outside world with their own focal points. The head office of the association, which is recognized as a non-profit organization, is in Düsseldorf. The more than 19,000 members are looked after directly on site by the DVS state branches and DVS district branches. Together, all members of the society are committed to joining technology that is sustainable in every respect.