Prof Alexander Braun of the University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf named Winner at AutoSens Awards 2018

At a dazzling award ceremony held in one of the iconic spheres of the Atomium in Brussels on September 19th 2018, the industry's most accomplished figures mixed with the new entrants looking to make a splash by winning an AutoSens Award. Professionals from across the international realm of automotive technology gathered at the Atomium to celebrate the brightest minds, best companies, smartest organisations and most influential projects. Part of the international AutoSens vehicle perception conference and exhibition, the Awards, now in their second year, were judged by a world-class panel drawn from OEMs, Tier 1s and Tier 2s, industry organisations and academia to assure a robust process.

Prof Alexander Braun of the University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf named Winner for the Greatest Exploration award sponsored by ANSYS OPTIS for 2018.

Highlighting the exceptional work across academia, this research-focussed award is open to all projects and programmes seeking to find and share new understanding, ideas and knowledge.

Robert Stead, Managing Director of Sense Media Group, Director of the AutoSens Awards was delighted with the event: "Nominations almost doubled compared to last year's event, so it was a difficult task to whittle down the shortlist, but we are very happy to have such an exciting winners list of industry trail-blazers including those at the forefront of development of vehicle perception systems. The AutoSens Awards do much more than simply recognise individual and corporate technical innovation, we also have categories covering academic achievement and educational programmes, an increasingly important aspect of this industry as we strive to inspire and equip the next generation of engineers."

On the positive result for Prof Alexander Braun of the University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf he said "Prof. Dr. Alexander Braun has 20 years of experience with optical technologies of all flavours, from fundamental quantum optics research to optical quality questions arising during assembly of 100.000 cameras per year. He has played an important role in the IEEE P2020 working group and his charismatic approach to his work as well as high attention to detail helps him stand out."

Feedback from the judging panel added: "The judging panel were impressed with Prof Braun's application of industrial experience, to now looking at all the questions surrounding optical quality from a scientific point of view."

Shortlisted nominees also in the category included Ding Zhao of University of Michigan, Prof Philip Koopman of Carnegie Mellon University, Cranfield University Multi-User Environment for Autonomous Vehicle Innovation (MUEAVI), Professor Natasha Merat of the Institute for Transport Studies and Dr Valentina Donzella at WMG University of Warwick.

Watch this space for nominations to open for AutoSens Awards 2019, with brand new categories to enter www.auto-sens.com/awards