PRESS RELEASE

New Institute Director

Prof. Elizabeth von Hauff takes over as director of the Fraunhofer FEP

As of June 1, 2021, Prof. Elizabeth von Hauff is the new director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Organic Electronics, Electron Beam and Plasma Technology FEP in Dresden. In addition, Prof. von Hauff has been appointed to the Technische Universität Dresden (TUD), Chair of Coating Technologies for Electronics.

Prof. von Hauff looks back on an international scientific career and will also contribute new aspects to the Fraunhofer FEP portfolio in the future. Her research focuses on novel technologies for electronics, energy technology and sensor technology.

Prof. Reimund Neugebauer, President of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, said: “Innovative technologies in the field of surface treatment, vacuum coating and organic semiconductors, such as those developed by Fraunhofer FEP, are key elements for numerous branches of industry: from mechanical engineering and the packaging industry to medical technology, agriculture and electronics. I am very pleased that we have been able to win over Prof. von Hauff, an internationally experienced expert who will enhance Fraunhofer FEP’s portfolio of services in a scientifically excellent and customer-centric way.”

Prof. von Hauff: “I am looking forward to my new tasks as a university lecturer at the Technical University and as the institute director of Fraunhofer FEP. My aim is to strengthen the cooperation between the two institutions, but also with other institutes and industrial partners. I hope this will generate new impulses - not least for both Dresden and Saxony as a business location.”

The current director of Fraunhofer FEP, Prof. Volker Kirchhoff: “I wish a successful start for Prof. Elizabeth von Hauff at our institute and at the TU Dresden and I count on a continued trustful cooperation with our customers, partners and public funding authorities! I am pleased to know that the future of the institute is in competent hands.”

About Fraunhofer FEP

Fraunhofer Institute for Organic Electronics, Electron Beam and Plasma Technology FEP works on innovative solutions in the fields of vacuum coating, surface treatment as well as organic semiconductors. The core competences electron beam technology, plasma-assisted large-area and precision coating, roll-to-roll technologies, development of

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technological key components as well as technologies for the organic electronics and IC/system design provide a basis for these activities.

Thus, Fraunhofer FEP offers a wide range of possibilities for research, development and pilot production, especially for the processing, sterilization, structuring and refining of surfaces as well as OLED microdisplays, organic and inorganic sensors, optical filters and flexible OLED lighting.

Our aim is to seize the innovation potential of the electron beam, plasma technology and organic electronics for new production processes and devices and to make it available for our customers.

Prof. Elizabeth von Hauff – new institute director of Fraunhofer FEP.

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