

## press information

### Top-class commitments for alternative date 2021

## **NRW Nano Conference in Münster with Nobel Prize Winner for Physics postponed to 2021**

**Münster, June 19, 2020. In December 2016, the state of North Rhine-Westphalia hosted the NRW Nano Conference in Münster for the first time. Around 700 international representatives from science and research, business and politics attended the industry meeting to exchange information about the opportunities, risks and potential of nanotechnology. In addition, the participants got an overview of the excellent conditions in research and development at the science and business location of Münster. The conference will not take place in 2020 due to the corona pandemic. Instead, the conference, for which several top-class experts have already signed up, is scheduled for April 21 and 22, 2021. Speakers included the 2010 Nobel laureate in Physics, Konstantin Novoselov from the University of Manchester, Prof. Martin Winter from the Battery Research Center "Münster Electrochemical Energy Technology (MEET)" and Prof. Wolfram Pernice from the Center for Nanotechnology Münster (CeNTech).**

"Research and development rest upon the personal encounter and the intensive exchange on current trends and solutions in the field of new materials and nanotechnologies", the NRW Ministry of Economics, the NanoMikroWerkstoffePhotonik.NRW cluster and the Wirtschaftsförderung Münster GmbH are happy to have found an alternative date at the conference venue MCC Halle Münsterland. The interdisciplinary exchange applies to fields of application such as resource efficiency, sustainable energy generation and storage, mobility, electronics and health. These are the major challenges of today.

Similar to 2016, the CeNTech GmbH will provide professional support to the organizers of the NRW Nano Conference. As a management unit of the Center for Nanotechnology Münster, the company maintains

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various connections to the local, national and international nanotechnology scene. "Nanotechnology is of great strategic importance for the state of North Rhine-Westphalia and for the City of Münster. For this reason, numerous actors from the city, the business and the science joint forces in the "Münster Alliance for Science to strengthen the field of competence, "explains the scientific head of the CeNTech GmbH, Dr. Holger Winter. The NanoBioanalytics cluster Münster consists of high-tech companies, nano- and biotechnological research institutions, universities and clinics. The network bioanalytik-muenster and the Allianz für Wissenschaft Münster aim to further develop the value chain. The research lighthouses include the Center for Nanotechnology, the Nano Bioanalytics Center (NBZ), the Center for Soft Nanoscience (SoN), the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine and the Battery Research Center MEET of the University of Münster. "Münster as nanotechnology location has a worldwide reputation for its research infrastructure and application-oriented research and development."

In addition to many "classic" material topics, battery research will be a new additional focus at the conference next year. Thereby MEET and its scientific director Martin Winter, as well as on the battery research factory "Research Production Battery Cell" (FFB) planned in Münster will take a significant part in the conference. The mission of the FFB, a 700 million euro funded project funded by the federal and state governments. will be to close the existing gap in the value chain of battery production. In addition, the experts aim for an independence from other existing markets. Nanotechnology will have a significant impact for the work of around 150 scientists in this facility, which is unique in Germany. The FFB is to be implemented and operated by experts from the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in close cooperation with the MEET. Prof. Martin Winter's presentation about this project can be eagerly awaited.

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