



To Photonics21Secretariat
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c/o VDI Technologiezentrum GmbH
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Germany

Dear Photonics21 Secretariat

We herewith submit the nomination of the following Photonics21 Board of Stakeholder candidate **Dr. Wenko Süptitz / SPECTARIS e.V.**

**- Letter of Nomination -
Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders
Election 2019**

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§ 5 BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS (6) b....A candidate nomination will always contain the name of the candidate organisation together with its proposed BoS Representative, and voting on a candidate implies voting on this combination.

1. Full legal name of the affiliation nominated as BoS Member (candidate's organisation):

**SPECTARIS - Deutscher Industrieverband für optische, medizinische und mechatronische Technologien e.V. (German Hightech Industry Association)
Werderscher Markt 15, 10117 Berlin, Germany**

2. Full contact details of the affiliation (street, postal code, country) nominated as BoS Member and invoice address *(In accordance with the Terms of Reference §5, which the Affiliation acknowledges having received, an Annual Service fee will be invoiced every year during the first quarter to the BoS Member. By signing the present letter the BoS candidate agrees to pay this Service Fee. The Service Fee will be considered an asset of the Photonics 21 AISBL in accordance with its statutes (article 12,c).*

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3. Name of the suggested BoS Representative (the personal candidate)

Dr. Wenko Süptitz

4. Information about the BoS candidate and the BoS representative

Extract Photonics21 Terms of Reference¹: “§ 5 BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS; ...(6) Election of BoS Members: “Description of the activities of, and information about the added value and contribution to the BoS by both the nominated BoS member and the BoS Representative”

a) Description of the activities and information about the expected contribution and value added the nominated BoS member (candidates organization) will bring to the BoS²

SPECTARIS promotes photonics industry interests across a range of communication channels and is an active liaison body to government agencies, industry, research and the media. The association's market reports and industry data create a tangible basis for business decisions.

SPECTARIS with some 430 corporate members supports the photonics industry in the global competition at international trade fairs and business trips. Country-specific seminars provide

¹ Photonics21 Terms of reference are available at

http://www.photonics21.org/download/general_inf/TermsOfReference/ETPPhotonics21TermsOfReference.pdf

² The candidate is aware and accepts that according to the Photonics21 Terms of Reference a service agreement and a service fee invoice is to be signed / paid with the Photonics21 association.

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key information on entering promising international markets. The association aids companies of the optical industry in attracting national and European funding, such as from the EU framework program Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.

SPECTARIS actively promotes Photonics as the key technology of the century inside and outside of the industry by giving presentations and writing popular books like "Photonik" infographics book.

In the BoS, SPECTARIS will also be competent member of the photonics community when it comes to queries concerning regulation and legislation of issues related to photonics in Brussels like RoHS and REACH. Here SPECTARIS has the lead in the European photonics industry to give technical details to the European commission about the importance and the impact of optical materials which are endangered by regulatory actions.

And with the strong support of their numerous innovative German SMEs, SPECTARIS has the mandate to contribute on the further development of the European photonics roadmap.

In 2018 and 2019, SPECTARIS has been very active to reposition Photonic21 on the PPP candidate list of the European commission. Activities included several letters to the decision makers of the German Federal Government and of the European Commission, meetings in person with executives of the European Commission and the German Federal Ministry of Research and Education, support of the position paper of EPIC contributing numerous signatures of CEOs of German photonics companies and more.

- b) Description of the activities and information about expected contribution and value added the BoS Representative (candidate / person) will bring to the BoS.

Dr. Wenko Sueptitz is the Head of the Photonics Division of the German Industry Association SPECTARIS.

After three years as Associate Research Scientist at University of Connecticut and Yale (USA), he started his career in the optical industry as a Sales and Export Manager at Linos Photonics in Goettingen/Germany in 1998. He held managing positions at Jenoptik, Schneider Optical Machines and Direct Photonics.

In 2013, Wenko Sueptitz accepted the position as Head of Photonics at the German industry association SPECTARIS where he is responsible of the joint activities of some 120 German companies in the field of photonics.

In the BoS he will contribute to the industry perspective of photonics based on a wide network in laser technologies, optical components and advanced manufacturing as well as connections to German and European politics what all together will be the solid background to promote and strengthen the key enabling technology photonics in Europe.

Wenko Sueptitz holds a diploma in Physics and a PhD in Laser physics from the Humboldt University Berlin. Postgradually, he earned a Master of Business and Engineering (MBE) from the Steinbeis University Berlin.

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Final information from the Photonics21 secretariat:

- *We recommend limiting the BoS nomination letter to 3-4 pages max.*
- *Letters of nominations can either be submitted*
 - *A) electronically (secretariat@photonics21.org) - **PREFERRED***
 - *B) by post mail to:*

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It is highly recommended to consult the Photonics21 Terms of Reference before submitting the nomination.

- *Please note that the deadline for providing BoS nominations to the Photonics21 Secretariat is the **21st. September 2019**. This is also valid for postal submission.*