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Automotive manufacturing expert joins the Rapid.Tech + FabCon 3.D advisory board
Dr Dominik Rietzel of the BMW Group is the first representative of an automotive manufacturer to sit on the advisory body

(Erfurt, 25 February 2019) Dr Dominik Rietzel, Head of the Non-metals Department at the BMW Group's Additive Manufacturing Centre, joined the Rapid.Tech + FabCon 3.D advisory board in February 2019. In doing so, the specialist in materials and additive manufacturing who holds a PhD in this field became the first representative of an automotive manufacturer to join the advisory board of the international trade fair and conference for additive technologies. "We are delighted to expand our automotive expertise and value Dr Rietzel highly as a source of impetus to raise the profile of our event even further," says Michael Kynast, CEO of Messe Erfurt GmbH.

Dr Rietzel has extensive experience in AM from his activities in research and industry, including at the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and at MAN Truck & Bus, where he worked before joining the BMW Group. He has served as a member of various standardisation bodies and helped develop the first VDI standard for the quality monitoring of laser-sintered components. By joining the advisory board, he wishes to contribute to the commercial use of additive manufacturing. In a statement, he said: "I have followed the event for more than a decade now, both as a visitor and a speaker, and have watched it grow from various perspectives. This is why I am delighted to be in a position to give it my own impetus as a member of the advisory board. In the future, it will continue to be important to present conference visitors with a balanced portfolio of contributions so that they can obtain an overview of the latest state of the art in the industry on the one hand while being able to exchange ideas on an expert level on the other. It is vital to learn from developments, especially given the importance of automotive manufacturing as a field of industry in Germany and given the potential that additive manufacturing has recently demonstrated, which deserves growing recognition in automotive manufacturing on an international level. Each project that has been implemented has generated an immense amount of knowledge, and it is exciting for us to be able to share this experience with the supplier industry."

The 16th edition of Rapid.Tech + FabCon 3.D will take place in Erfurt from 25 to 27 June 2019. With more than 100 presentations aimed at users in sectors including the automotive industry, aviation, electronic engineering and medical, dental and orthopaedic technology at the specialist conference and 3D printing conference, and more than 200 exhibitors at its trade show, the event is set to be an industry gathering of a unique high calibre. More than 5,000 international trade visitors and conference delegates are expected in 2019.

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