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DVN MUNICH WORKSHOP

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**39TH DVN
WORKSHOP**

**2035 AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING
WHAT'S NEXT?**



DVN MUNICH LIGHTING WORKSHOP



39th DVN Munich Lighting Workshop – February 4-5, 2026

Olympia Park, Munich, Germany

2035 AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING: WHAT'S NEXT ?

Automobile is born in Europe more than one century ago. With new ways on mobility, climate change and strong world wide competition, Automotive industry has to be reinvented. This is impacting also our automotive lighting community and our supply chains.

Exterior lighting has never been in such a big role at IAA Munich last September, with new technology release, new design language and strong marketing usage.

We have now to bring an holistic approach to lighting. It is not only safety and design.

It is time to think together about the next step. What will be our automotive lighting world in 10 years?

For this purpose, the agenda will include different sessions:

- Lighting and design
- Innovative technology including EE to support
- Simulation and AI : how to accelerate and change our way of working
- Sustainability and how to move forward
- Niche market and special needs (2W, trucks, sport cars, luxury cars)

Including round tables and award ceremony.

For the first time we are inviting design schools to give us input and vision and we have defined a Jury to select the best design proposal.

This Munich DVN Workshop will bring together more than 500 participants from all over the world. Experts, researchers, managers, designers, engineers...and you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul-Henri Matha'.

Paul-Henri Matha

DVN Chief Executive Officer and Lighting General Editor

**For more information and to register –
Please go on our website**



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WORKING SESSIONS

**02:00 pm
to 05:30 pm** **ROOM 1 – DEEP DIVE INTO AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING SUSTAINABILITY STAKES**

EXPERT DISCUSSION BETWEEN OEM, TIER1 AND TIER2

Chairman: Gerd Banhmuller, DVN

Covestro – Jan Helmig, Global Technical Marketing Mobility Lighting

WORKING SESSIONS

**02:00 pm
to 05:30 pm** **ROOM 2 – DEEP DIVE INTO EXTERNAL DISPLAY: STATUS ABOUT RESEARCH FROM
INSTITUTE & INDUSTRY**

Chairman: Paul Henri Matha, DVN

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08:00 am	REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE
09:30 am	OPENING KEYNOTE SPEECHES
	Geely Group – Thomas Ingenlath, Senior Design Advisor: • 30 years of personal automotive experience, <i>How automotive lighting changed from zero to a big topic</i>
	China Academy of Art – James Hope, Professor & Head of Transportation Design Institution
	ams OSRAM – Aldo Kamper, CEO
10:30 am	SESSION 1 – LIGHTING, COMMUNICATION & DESIGN – THE NEW 3 PILLARS FOR OUR COMMUNITY
	Mercedes-Benz – Eva Weckenmann, Manager Tech-Programs; Anton Nelson, Headlamp-Responsible; Dominik Reule, Rearlamp-Responsible; Üsame Akkoca, Rear-Display-Responsible: • <i>The Mercedes Tech-Programm Concept AMG GT XX</i>
	Audi – Michael Kruppa, Head of Front Light Development: • <i>Essence of Lighting – Technical precision and radical simplicity</i>
	BMW – Thorsten Krajc, Project Leader: • <i>BMW's Neue Klasse - Implementation of a new exterieur light design</i>
	Polestar – Christophe Ferreira Da Silva, Design Manager: • <i>Polestar 5 lamp details</i>
	Stellantis – Richard Brevet, Lighting leader style Citroën: • <i>Citroen C5 and Elo lighting design</i>
	OPmobility – Michael Rosenauer, Director Innovation Exterior & Lighting: • <i>Transforming Automotive Lighting Design with Advanced Decoration and Sustainable Manufacturing</i>
	SL Corporation – Hyeongdo Kim, Research Engineer: • <i>Color MLA Headlights</i>
	Tactotek – Dominique Heilborn, Director Ecosystem Partnerships: • <i>SEAMLESS SKIN - A Designer's Dream</i>
	Microrelleus – Raúl García, CEO: • <i>Production Tool Engraving vs. Direct PMMA Processing with Femtosecond Laser: A Comparative Study on Homogeneity and Efficiency</i>
	Sabic – Dr. David Elvers, Sr. Business Development Automotive; Erhard Bruss, Sr. Manager Automotive Marketing: • <i>Trends and Opportunities in materials for Automotive Lighting – Focus: Light & Chrome</i>
	Saint Gobain – Fabien Geniaux, Product Manager Active Systems: • <i>Light in Glazing: New Horizons for the Automotive Experience</i>
	ZKW – Gerald Boehm, GSM Advanced Technology and Technology Relationship Management: • <i>Display solutions and challenges</i>

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Tata Motors – Salil Kulkarni:

- *From Tata Motors' LED Lighting Evolution to the New Sierra's Lighting Journey*

EDAG – Jannes Buthmann, Expert – Light&Vision:

- *Natural 3D Appearance, Unbounded Form: EDAG's Remote Phosphor Approach for Lamp Design*

Renault – François Bedu, Lighting Expert

Marelli – Ernst-Olaf Rosenhahn:

- *Future Communication by Light: New Options by External Displays and Ground Projections*

12:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

02:00 pm

SESSION 2 – DEEP DIVE INTO FILM TECHNOLOGY : PRODUCT & PROCESS

Niebling – Udo Weustenhausen, Director Sales & Marketing

- *Preforming for Film Insert Molding (FIM): Fundamentals and Industrial Boundaries*

KraussMaffei – Andreas Bierbaumer, Technology Manager Surfaces IMM

Leonard Kurz – Sven Oberndoerfer, Head of Advanced business Development:

- *Virtual Validation of design driven multi-layer lighting*

Nissha – Tino Theer, Development Engineer:

- *Film-Insert-Molding – Redefining the exterior of tomorrow*

INEVO – Roberto Fagarazzi, Managing Director Sales

Magna – Bünyamin Uzun, Product Line Manager Europe – Lighting:

- *Chrome-Film Meets Light: Challenges and Solutions in the Illuminated Frontpanel of the Mercedes-Benz CLA EQ*

Covestro

Mercedes-Benz – Lara Kapp, Research & Development Engineer:

- *The all-new electric Mercedes-Benz GLC Iconic Grille*

04:30 pm

COFFEE BREAK

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05:00 pm

DESIGN CONTEST

DESIGN SCHOOLS



Pforzheim

China Academy
of Art

Umea

IED Barcelona

Hochschule
München

Rubika

Coventry
University

JURY



Thomas
Ingenlath

Senior design
adviser



Berk Keskin

Head of
Exterior
Design



Cesar
Muntada

Head of
Design Light
Experience



Richard
Brevet

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Designer



Andreas
Knoedler Bunte

Director Lighting
Design
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Eric Moisy

Styling
department



Philip Rockl

Group
Manager
Exterior Lighting



Michael Kleinkes

Head of Lighting
Development



Wolfgang
Huhn

Senior
Advisor



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07:00 pm

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09:00 am	WELCOME COFFEE
09:30 am	KEYNOTE SPEECH
10:00 am	ROUND TABLE Chairman: Hans Joachim Schwabe, DVN AUDI – Stephan Berlitz, Head of Exterior Lighting Development BMW – Jörg Käble, Exterior lighting development chief (TBC) Mercedes-Benz – Stefan Töpfer, Senior Manager R&D Lighting Systems
10:30 am	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 am	SESSION 3 – SIMULATION AND AI : HOW TO ACCELERATE AND CHANGE OUR WAY OF WORKING Chairman: Benoit Deschamps, Expert Virtual MockUp & eXtended Reality, Renault Renault – Benoit Deschamps, Expert Virtual MockUp & eXtended Reality Ansys by Synopsys – Gwenael Moysan, Manager Application Engineering / Lighting & Visualisation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acceleration in virtual validation: what AI & software customisation can truly deliver in lighting Dassault Systems & Keysight – Stephan Ritz, Director Portfolio Management & Tobias Schmid, Ph.D.: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3DEXPERIENCE CATIA & LucidShape - A Paradigm Shift for Lighting Design Workflows Eclat Digital & Covestro <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covestro & Ocean™ : From Pixel to Real Part - Eliminate guesswork in design with predictive optical simulation United Visual Researchers EDAG – Jannes Buthmann, Expert – Light&Vision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advantages and Challenges of Real-Time Virtual Night Drives with Unreal Engine 5 in EDAG´s ZeroPrototypeLab Luminous Algorithms – Ingo Steiner, CEO Hochschule Magdeburg-Stendal – Benedikt Lamontain, Professor of Design and CAD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Product Development - The Potential of XR-Technologies Panel discussion
12:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK

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01:30 pm SESSION 4 – NICHE MARKET AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Volvo Trucks – Berk Keskin, Head of Exterior Design

Fendt – Traktor lighting needs

Aspoeck – Light and Assistance systems are on a 24V Trailer

02:15 am SESSION 5 – INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING EE TO SUPPORT

ams OSRAM – Lufei Shen, Product Manager:

- *Novel Intelligent LEDs for Highly Scalable Dynamic Exterior Lighting*

OPmobility – Andreas Schramm:

- *The smart way to an LDM-less headlamp: How the next-generation E/E architecture enables a more efficient approach*

Ennstar – Frank Ho, VP:

- *Mini LED ISD for Automotive: A Chip-to-Module Framework*

Robert Bosch – Gregor Sunderdiek, Product Management Intellectual Property Product:

- *CAN FD light for next generation E/E architectures*

03:00 pm COFFEE BREAK

03:30 pm SESSION 6 – SUSTAINABILITY AND HOW TO MOVE FORWARD

FORVIA HELLA & Covestro – Jan Helmig, Covestro Global Technical Marketing Mobility Lighting

- *Summary of Nalyse project*

Valeo – Gregory Planche, Lighting Circular Economy Program Manager, Laurent Barré, Senior Materials & Polymers Expert:

- *Circular Polymers in Automotive lighting : New Circular Value Chain*

Emerson Branson – Marian Blasko, Key Account Manager:

- *Innovating the Future: Sustainable Headlamp Assembly Process*

Sumitomo Chemical

- *A solution for sustainable lighting - proposal from New PMMA materials*

Lumileds – Wolfgang Schiene:

- *Replaceable LUXEON Go light source modules, easing repairability in a sustainable headlamp architecture*

05:30 pm CLOSURE



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