

## Gala evening for the 10th asc(s anniversary

Basic idea after 10 years more important than ever. The Automotive Simulation Center Stuttgart celebrates its 10th anniversary with high-profile guests.



Stuttgart, 20 June 2018. The asc(s – non-profit association for know-how carriers in the field of automotive simulation – celebrated its 10th anniversary on 5 June 2018 in the "Kursaal" in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt. The association, which was founded in 2008 by a founding initiative of Porsche, the University of Stuttgart and the State of Baden-Württemberg, can look back on 10 inspiring years. Together with Ulrich Steinbach, Ministerial Director of the Ministry of Research, Science and Art of Baden-Württemberg, association members, employees and former employees, as well as cooperation partners, asc(s celebrated and summed up this past decade.

The Automotive Simulation Center Stuttgart e.V. was founded on 7 March 2008 as a non-profit association with the support of the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of



Science, Research and Art and the encouragement of the southern German automotive industry. The purpose of the association is to promote application-oriented research in the field of automotive engineering through the use of information and communication technologies. In so doing, the transfer of the latest scientific findings in the field of numerical simulation into industrial applications is supported and accelerated. To this end, it initiates and supports research and development projects designed by its members. As an HPC Solution Center, the Automotive Simulation Center Stuttgart is an important contributor to the HPC strategy of the state of Baden-Württemberg.

To this day, the aim is to make the mobility of the future smarter, more eco-friendly and more sustainable through the use of virtual development methods and high-performance computing (HPC). The asc(s plays a driving role in the automotive industry by pooling all necessary interest groups for the development of methods in its circle of members and thus accelerating the availability of new simulation methods and processes. Thus the asc(s connects actors from science and economy complementing each other in their know-how. The asc(s network currently includes around 30 members, automotive OEMs as well as suppliers, hardware and software providers, engineering service providers and research institutes. Whether internationally renowned player or start-up: The network partners meet at eye level to advance their common goal, the mobility of the future.

With the combined expertise of its members, the asc(s decisively promotes projects and standardization measures. These discussions often lay the foundation for innovative research and development projects in the pre-competitive area. Over the last ten years, the asc(s has been involved in joint projects with a project volume of approximately one hundred million euros. A large part of this was made possible by

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subsidies at state, federal and EU level. A considerable own contribution from economy

and industry further underlines the basic idea of the asc(s.

The program of the anniversary celebration, which was part of a gala dinner, included a

welcome address by Ministerial Director Ulrich Steinbach and an opening speech by

the chairman of the board of the asc(s, Prof. Michael M. Resch. The founder and former

board member of the asc(s, Christoph Gümbel, looked back on his time at the asc(s in

his lecture and gave the guests an outlook on the imminent change of mobility.

Alexander F. Walser, managing director of the asc(s expressed his thanks to both

current and former honorary board members as well as to current and former

employees for their commitment and presented the board members with certificates

of appreciation for their commitment.

"The digital transformation is posing great challenges for the automotive industry. In

this, horizontal networking is a major success factor. As a multiplier, catalyst and

accelerator, we provide our members with a unique research and development

platform," said Alexander F. Walser, CEO of the asc(s, who wants to head into the new

decade motivated.

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