

LDS Development: A Smooth Handover

Dr. Roman Ostholt succeeds Dr. Wolfgang John

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Dr. Wolfgang John, a highly renowned developer in laser direct structuring (LDS), came into his office at LPKF headquarters on February 28, 2014, with mixed emotions. After many years of developing new LDS processes and applications, he is now retiring. Wolfgang John, passionate model builder and flyer, was overjoyed at the thoughtful present he received from his colleagues: a model of a sailplane with LDS-painted wings and metalized inscription – a true one-of-a-kind.

Dr. Roman Ostholt is assuming the responsibility for LDS development tasks. He will lead the new Technology Management and Process Development department, which will be formed by the previous LDS team and Innovation Management employees. Ostholt thanked Wolfgang John and asked his future support, saying “His lab coat is going to stay here.”



Science and passion – the sailplane model with LDS wings represents two important aspects of Dr. Wolfgang John’s life. John (left) accepts the special plane from his successor, Dr. Roman Ostholt.

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