

Innovative ideas in communications technology wanted: Apply now for the Johann Philipp Reis Prize!

- **Prestigious science prize is endowed with 10,000 euros**
- **Application deadline is April 15, 2023**
- **Jury looks for work with the greatest potential to become a marketable product**

(Frankfurt am Main, 04.01.2023) Telecommunications scientists and those no older than 40 take note: VDE, Deutsche Telekom AG and the Hessian cities of Friedrichsdorf and Gelnhausen will once again award the Johann Philipp Reis Prize in 2023, which is renowned in the telecommunications industry. The prize is endowed with 10,000 euros and is awarded every two years for work that has a significant telecommunications innovation that promises to have an impact on the national economy. This time, in accordance with the statutes, the prize will be awarded by the mayor of the city of Friedrichsdorf at the end of 2023. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2023 (postmark). Further information at www.vde.com/itg-jpr-preis.

About the Johann Philipp Reis Prize

His idea initiated a turning point in the electrical transmission of messages. He was one of the first to transmit not signs but speech electrically: Johann Philipp Reis, born in Gelnhausen in 1834 and deceased in Friedrichsdorf in 1874, the inventor of the telephone. As early as October 26, 1861, the self-taught physicist demonstrated the first device for transmitting sound, the "telephone," in Frankfurt am Main. He thus invented the telephone even before Alexander Graham Bell, but did not patent this invention. Before he could further develop his telephone for practical use, he died in 1874 at the age of only 40.

About the jury

The Information Technology Society in the VDE (VDE ITG), in cooperation with the other sponsors, selects the prize winners and carries out the award ceremony. The VDE ITG, which has 10,000 members from various sectors of information technology and more than 1,000 active

and voluntary information technology scientists, has the necessary knowledge to pre-select and rank the prize winners. Among the jury members are also former prize winners.

A call for entries with a timetable will appear in addition to the publication organs of the cities of Friedrichsdorf and Gelnhausen, in a Deutsche Telekom magazine and in the technology magazine VDE dialog, as well as at www.vde.com/itg-jpr-preis.

About the Information Technology Society in the VDE (VDE ITG)

The Informationstechnische Gesellschaft im VDE (VDE ITG) is the national association of all those active in the field of information technology in business, administration, teaching, research and science. Its objectives are to promote the scientific and technical development and evaluation of information technology in theory and practice. Founded in 1954 as the Nachrichtentechnische Gesellschaft, it is the oldest professional society in the VDE. Its nine technical divisions, to which more than 80 technical committees are assigned, cover the entire spectrum of information technology. About 10,000 VDE members have joined the ITG and more than 1,000 experts work in the committees on a voluntary basis.

More information at <https://www.vde.com/de/itg>

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