



3D Pioneers
Challenge
Pushing Boundaries
2025



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Kick-off for the anniversary edition of the 3D Pioneers Challenge

(Erfurt, January 20, 2025) The 3D Pioneers Challenge (3DPC) will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2025. Since its inception, the competition has established itself as one of the world's leading platforms for innovation in additive manufacturing. Over 335 finalists, 72 winners, and 32 special mentions have taken that stage, demonstrating how advanced technologies can enhance our lives. With participants from 34 countries and six continents, the competition reflects the global potential of this innovative industry. The 3DPC was supported by 85 jurors and 75 renowned partners who contributed their expertise year after year.

This decade now peaks in the jubilee edition, where the "Pioneer of the Decade" will be crowned with the coveted special trophy. All finalists from the past nine years are automatically nominated to apply with their latest projects. For the first time, the entries will be presented to the complete jury panel of the last decade.

The jury also considers the journey of the former submission, the company, the person or the team behind it. "Where did the journey take them? Where were the pioneers with their projects then, where are they now? What impact are they currently creating for the 3D printing sector or the manufacturing industry? What are their impulses to push the future?"

It will be exciting to discover who will make it to line up with the "Who's Who" of the scene for the decade exhibition at rapid.tech 3D 2025 in Erfurt.

The 3DPC has another highlight to come up with in 2025: In the year of the 10th anniversary of the 3D Pioneers Challenge, the time is just right to capture the groundbreaking innovations of the last decade in a book. Innovations that make an impact create history. And these stories are written in books. Industry leaders from the platform's network will guide with their perspectives through the chapters, which are represented by the categories of the competition and selected projects. The book summarizes the major movements and milestones of the decade and draws an outlook for the future - in the spirit of pushing boundaries.

With the award the "Pioneer of the Decade" wins the opportunity to become part of the book and have his say with an exclusive impulse contribution.

The 3D Pioneers Challenge is already reviewing the platform's previous events on its social media channels. Trade fair booths, award ceremonies and roadshows bring the memories of the 3DPC to life and increase the anticipation for the big anniversary.

Be there to see the decade exhibition of 3DPC and when the industry meets in Erfurt at rapid.tech 3D (May 13-15, 2025), focusing on practical applications, innovative technologies and forward-looking AM trends.

The call for entries is now open for the 3D Pioneers Challenge anniversary, apply at www.3dpc.io.



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Under the motto "**Innovative & Profitable - The Future of Additive Manufacturing**", **rapid.tech 3D** will focus on practical applications, innovative technologies and forward-looking AM trends for three days **from May 13 to 15, 2025**. If you have always wanted to know how you can get 3D printing up and running profitably in your company, then rapid.tech 3D is the right place to go. Here you will receive know-how from doers for doers and benefit directly from the intensive professional exchange with our experts. Our triad of specialist congress, exhibition and networking opportunities offers the best conditions for increasing your knowledge.

About 3D Pioneers Challenge

The international competition for Additive Manufacturing processes and Advanced Technologies is the most prestigious award of its kind. The annual announcement and presentation of the finalists is considered to be the innovation monitor of the industry. Unique in its structure, the competition has been addressing specialists who think outside the box since 2015 - **pushing boundaries!**

3DPC Platform

The Challenge has become a platform with a global network and is an interface for creative future-makers, pioneers of advanced technologies and innovators from research and industry.

3DPC & Friends

Under the umbrella of 3DPC & Friends, 3DPC brings together the creative minds and high-tech pioneers of the 3DPC platform in an interdisciplinary way, resulting in new, ground-breaking projects in which everyone can contribute and live out their expertise - design rethought! The 3DPC shows today what tomorrow will bring - **pushing boundaries**.