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## Industrial Exoskeletons: Ergonomic Advantages for Future Work –

Online Web Session with Fraunhofer IPA on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

**Düsseldorf, 29 March 2021** – Exoskeletons have conquered the market for industrial applications some time ago. The technology promises to reduce physical strain on employees while increasing productivity where humans are normally limited. In addition, they protect employee health and relieve the strain of physically heavy activities. A wide variety of applications in manufacturing, logistics and maintenance can already demonstrate these benefits for employees. The web session “Industrial Exoskeletons: Ergonomic Benefits for Work of the Future” provides valuable insights from different perspectives: Science and research, industry and end-users will present the wide variety as well as the opportunities for industry in the future.

In this web session, key players from the industry will provide exciting insights into current developments and present the latest study results on different usage scenarios for industrial exoskeletons. During the web session, participants will have the opportunity to engage in direct exchange with renowned experts in the industry.

The online web session will take place on June 1, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (CET). Urs Schneider, Department Head of the Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation at Fraunhofer IPA will lead the program. Tickets are available now at a price of 99€ in the ticket shop. The conference language is English. Tickets and more information about the program are available at [www.aplusa.de/connected\\_2](http://www.aplusa.de/connected_2)

Speakers include Verena Kopp, Fraunhofer IPA Team WearRAcon Stuttgart, Dr. Sascha Wischniewski, Head of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Division of the German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), as well as David Duwe, Head of Europe Ottobock Paexo, one of the leading companies in the field of exoskeletons. Gerald Müller, Head of Industrial Engineering at DB



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Schenker, and Dr. Peter Heiligensetzer, CTO & Founder, German Bionic, will complete the line-up of speakers.

A+A, the world's No.1 trade fair and congress for occupational safety and health at work is cooperating with research experts from Fraunhofer IPA and the German Federal Association for Occupational Safety and Health (Basi) for this online seminar. Fraunhofer is the largest non-profit organization for technology research in Europe. The event is sponsored by Ottobock. In the A+A event year, the web session will provide an overview of current research in the field of exoskeletons and offer a first glimpse of a new segment in ergonomic work design at A+A 2021, including the Fraunhofer IPA's Exoworkathlon, the Robotics Park with well-known exoskeleton manufacturers, and the Selfexperience Space, where visitors can experience the benefits of using the technology for themselves. A+A 2021 will take place from October 26-29, 2021 at the Düsseldorf Exhibition Center.

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