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## Graz Universities Honour their Inventors

University research is a driver of innovation. For this reason, the three Graz universities – TU Graz, the University of Graz and the Medical University of Graz – honour their most successful inventors every two years.

At the beginning of November, 239 researchers were duly honoured for their inventiveness over the past two years. The Rectors of the three universities – Harald Kainz (TU Graz), Martin Polaschek (Uni Graz) and Hellmut Samonigg (Med Uni Graz) – released the following statement: “The innovative power of research can be measured by inventions and patents. Through cooperation, it gives local companies a competitive advantage. New applications and technologies continue

to drive progress and benefit society in many ways.”

In the course of the event, the researcher who had been granted the most patents at TU Graz in the past five years was also lauded: Anton Glieder from the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology. For his services, he received the Nikola Tesla Medal, which is awarded for particularly outstanding and application-oriented research achievements at TU Graz.

## Mind\_the Gap

Graz University of Technology recently again awarded outstanding projects that specifically focus on people. This year’s Mind\_the Gap prizes were awarded to: Anna Napetschnig for her Master’s thesis “Frauen@TUG - DO IT!”; Jasmin Grosinger for her publication “Distinguished Women in Microwaves”; Christoph Leo, Corina Klub and Ernst Tomasch for their publication “Are there any significant differences in terms of age and sex in pe-

destrian and cyclist accidents? “; Ena Kukuc, Petra Petersson, Anna Sachsenhofer and Budour Khalil for their initiative “Gender Taskforce”; Alexander Kreis, Mario Hirz, Bernhard Walzel and Ute Schäfer for their conference paper “On-site Medical Implants Creation by Combination of Enhanced Design Methods and 3D-Printing”.

All the honoured inventors can be found on the TU Graz website

### Hedy Lamarr Prize

Johanna Pirker, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science, has won this year’s Hedy Lamarr Prize, which is awarded to women shaping the digital world.

### Graz Center of Physics

In the architectural competition for the Graz Center of Physics, which is currently being built on the grounds of the University of Graz, the decision was made in favour of the design by the architectural firm fasch&fuchs.architekten. Highlights of the building will be a city terrace and five wood-clad lecture halls. It will cover a total of 50,000 square metres and provide space for up to 1,700 students and 600 employees.