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**The SMTconnect, which will be taking place from 10 – 12 May in Nuremberg will be offering a highly relevant program from visitors to the exhibition. With important exhibitors in the industry showcasing their latest developments, the fair will be offering an opportunity to connect, create and drive technology.**

In addition to networking, collaborating and exchanging information, participants at the fair can expect all the best of the SMTconnect.

**The EMS Park**

Following two years of predominantly digital encounters, participants will welcome the opportunity to enjoy the EMS Park. With a natural and open design, reminiscent of a park, the forum offers a clear focus on networking.

In addition to the EMS Park, visitors will be offered the special showcase area "PCB meets Components" with exhibitors covering all aspects of printed circuit boards, components and materials.

**The heartbeat of electronic production**

Renowned exhibitors to the fair include Asys Automatisierungssysteme GmbH, FUJI Europe Corporation GmbH, Koh Young Europe GmbH, OMRON Europe BV Inspection Systems Division Europe, Panasonic Connect Europe GmbH, smartTec GmbH, SMT Maschinen- und Vertriebs GmbH & Co. KG, YAMAHA Motor Europe N.V. Presenting their latest innovations, solutions and products, those attending will be able to gain valuable insights into the industry.

**Fraunhofer Institute for Reliability and Microintegration presents…**

Further highlights include the Fraunhofer Institute for Reliability and Microintegration IZM, which will be showcasing their highly anticipated update to their Production Line. The main topic this year will be “Trustworthy electronics - digital twin: sense or nonsense”. The sessions will further include live production slots with commentary daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**The best of the best – IPC hand soldering contest**

Following a two year break, participants eagerly await the hand soldering competition held by the IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries from the USA. Here soldering professionals will have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills on all three days of the exhibition. They are to compete against each other for the manual soldering of complex circuit boards and will be evaluated primarily in terms of speed and precision.

The winner of the professional competition will receive a cash prize as well as the chance to also win a trip to the Championships later this year in Munich, Germany

**VDMA Market Forecast**

As ever, the VDMA will be presenting its market forecast for electronic mechanical engineering. Partipants can look forward to hearing all the latest from Volker Pape, Viscom AG (Chairman of the Department Productronic) and Dr. Sandra Engle, VDMA Productronic. The press conference will take place from 11:00 - 12:00, NCC East, Level 3, Room Shanghai.

**SMTconnect – the place to be**

All those attending the SMTconnect can look forward to a return to normality. Restrictions have been lifted allowing for a close up and personal trade fair experience, although the organizer Mesago Messe Frankfurt recommends the wearing of FFP2 masks indoors.

Further information can be found under: [www.smtconnect.com](http://www.smtconnect.com).

**About Mesago Messe Frankfurt**

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