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## **Young Vision Award: Wintershall and Gazprom award young scientists in Tomsk**

- **An international expert jury chose the winners of the international Young Vision Award competition in Tomsk**
- **The first prize is awarded to Anzhelika Posvyashchennaya and Eldar Urazov from the Tomsk Polytechnic University for the project “Pretreatment-free monitoring of tracers on oil field: mobile technology”**

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**Tomsk, 28 September 2017.** In conjunction with Tomsk Polytechnic University, Wintershall and Gazprom International have today conferred the Young Vision Award to outstanding young students. The prize, which has been awarded annually since 2013, particularly recognizes sustainable and efficient technology solutions developed by junior scientists in the field of oil and natural gas production. This year, Anzhelika Posvyashchennaya and Eldar Urazov from the Tomsk Polytechnic University managed to impress the international expert jury with their project “Pretreatment-free monitoring of tracers on oil field: mobile technology”.

This year was particularly pleasing: the Young Vision Award saw a record number of entries. The 18 submitted research projects show that interest in the competition is growing steadily. In the end, however, only the three best finalist teams can present their works to the jury. Qualified students from Germany, Switzerland and Austria as well as from Russia can enter whose studies focus on the oil and gas sector. The Young Vision Award encourages and

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supports the exchange of ideas between the German-speaking world and Russia.

**"Economic viability, efficiency and environmental protection are of key importance"**

Jury member Bernd Leonhardt, Head of Technology Portfolio Management at Wintershall, is delighted not only about the high number but, in particular, by the quality of the entries: "The submitted concepts feature new and creative approaches. Economic viability, efficiency and environmental protection were essential aspects of the presentations. These therefore addressed challenges now facing the industry as a result of the low oil price level."

Thomas Trebst, Technical Director at Gazprom International Germany GmbH, adds: "The next generation will play a decisive role in the future success of our industry. I'm therefore all the more delighted by the huge response to the Young Vision Award. We can say without exaggeration that the competition makes an important contribution to promoting innovative ideas that can be put into concrete practice."

Thilo Wieland, Wintershall's Executive Board member responsible for activities in Russia, Argentina and North Africa, also sees the fostering of young scientists as one of the most important tasks. "The Young Vision Award has developed into an exemplary project. In keeping with our motto "shaping the future", it helps to facilitate international collaborations and open up new perspectives for young talent."

This year, the winners will be awarded not only a company internship and the publication of their project in a trade journal, but

also participation in the German-Russian Science Slam, which will be held in Bonn on 19 October. This diverting competition offers young scientists the opportunity to present their own research findings to a broad audience in an entertaining and comprehensible way.

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