



# INTERNATIONAL MICROWAVE POWER INSTITUTE

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## **International Microwave Power Institute Welcomes New RF Energy Alliance Members**

**January 9, 2019** – The International Microwave Power Institute (IMPI), the leading global scientific organization dedicated to non-communication microwave and RF energy applications, is pleased to announce the addition of four new corporate members: EGO, Huber+Suhner, pinkRF, and Rogers Corporation. These four companies bring the number of IMPI Corporate Members to twenty-two including: Ampleon, Campbell Soup Company, Conagra Brands, Ferrite Microwave Technologies, Graphic Packaging International, L-3 Electron Devices, MKS, Muegge GmbH, Nestle, NXP Semiconductors, Odyssey Technical Solutions, PepsiCo, PSC, Richardson Electronics, SAIREM, TurboChef, Tyson Foods and Watt sine. IMPI's total membership of 185 is comprised of corporate, professional and student members from 17 countries.

The addition of the four new corporate members comes after the RF Energy Alliance, a non-profit technical association comprised of companies dedicated to realizing solid-state RF energy's true potential as a clean, highly efficient and controllable heat and power source decided to cease operation. In a letter from RFEA's Executive Director, Dr. Klaus Werner, to RFEA Members on December 31<sup>st</sup>, Werner wrote, *"Although the Alliance made significant progress on technical aspects... the Board of Directors of the RF Energy Alliance decided that it is in the best interests of the organization to have closed its doors on December 31, 2018."*

Werner's letter went on to say, *"I hereby join the (RFEA) Board in recommending that you consider becoming a member of the International Microwave Power Institute (IMPI). We do believe that the mission and vision of the RF Energy Alliance are as valid and relevant as they were at its inception. IMPI for more than 50 years has focused on microwave powered applications and technologies and regards our views, ideas and current work as a very valuable and complementary addition to their organization. Our Promoter companies already have decided to join IMPI in 2019 – and we would very much encourage all other Contributor, Associate, and Academia members to follow suit."*

IMPI's President, Bob Schiffmann, sees unlimited opportunities for both the Institute's legacy and new members working in the RF/Solid-state field. Schiffmann states, *"During its 53-year*

*history, IMPI has been at the forefront of disseminating the latest microwave research and applications in all aspects of microwave/RF power. Some examples, are early presentations in areas such as power from space, microwave hypothermia to treat cancer, industrial heating of heat sensitive materials, and more. The advent of solid-state power transistors, producing significant levels of microwave power, represents a quantum leap in this area, and IMPI is proud to provide a home and a voice for this technology through the addition of members of the RF Energy Alliance to its ever-growing corporate membership."*

Werner concurred, *"In fact, we believe that the move to join IMPI allows us to broaden the scope of our activities focusing on the market adoption of the solid-state RF technology. IMPI's large membership "footprint" and available organizational structures will increase our effectiveness as well as the mandate to tackle industry-wide ideas."*

IMPI, which holds two flagship events each year (an annual Symposium and Fall Short Course) has seen a dramatic upswing in membership over the past two years. In addition to these events, IMPI conducts a Spring and Fall Webinar series, publishes both the peer-reviewed scientific *Journal of Microwave Power and Electromagnetic Energy* and *"The Wave"* newsletter and conducts special projects of interest to its' membership, such as Consumer Behavior surveys and reports.

IMPI is in the midst of its corporate membership drive; during the first quarter of 2019, any company wishing to take part in a Trial Corporate Membership may do so by contacting IMPI's Executive Director, Molly Poisant.

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