

## Press Release

### **Top-notch awards for SCHWIND AMARIS Eye Laser** **SCHWIND wins “Medical Design Excellence Award 2008” and “Industriepreis 2008”**

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The SCHWIND AMARIS eye laser has received two renowned awards. The new laser generation from SCHWIND eye-tech-solutions was awarded the Medical Design Excellence Award (MDEA) 2008, the premier awards program for the medical technology community, as well as the German „Industriepreis 2008“.



The SCHWIND AMARIS won the MDEA 2008 in the category of „Surgical Equipment, Instruments, and Supplies“. In the competition, the benefits of a product for doctor and patient are as equally evaluated as the innovative power and the materials which were used to fabricate the product. The SCHWIND AMARIS convinced the multidisciplinary panel of jurors with an excellent overall concept. Jury member Michael Wiklund especially highlighted the combination of high performance laser technology with top-notch ergonomics and attractive design. The MDEA, now in its eleventh year, recognizes companies and individuals worldwide involved in the design, engineering, manufacture or distribution of finished medical devices or medical packaging. The award will be presented on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at the Medical Design & Manufacturing (MD&M) East 2008 Conference and Exposition in New York City, US.



With the „Industriepreis 2008“, the Association for Medium-Sized Businesses searched for the third time the most innovative industrial products and solutions in Germany. An independent jury, consisting of scientists, industry professionals and journalists evaluated all submitted contributions on criteria such as innovative content, benefit and functionality. The SCHWIND AMARIS won recognition amongst numerous candidates in the category of „Medical Technology“ as a highly innovative and trend-setting solution for medium-sized business.

„The goal of SCHWIND’s new laser generation was to set new outstanding technological and treatment standards in refractive surgery. We are very happy that both juries confirmed the special position of the SCHWIND AMARIS with their decisions“, says Rolf Schwind, President and CEO of SCHWIND eye-tech-solutions.

The new SCHWIND AMARIS laser generation offers unequalled fast, precise and safe correction of ametropia. The leading technological position of the TotalTech laser is primarily assured through a true 500 Hz repetition rate, two different energy levels for optimal ablation control, minimal spot size of 0.54 mm as well as, with 1050 Hz and a response time of less than three milliseconds, the fastest eyetracker on the market, compensating every eye movement up to the fifth dimension.

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