



## **Laser Institute of America's President's Award Presented to Bill Shiner**

### *Shiner Accepts Prestigious Recognition Award at ICALEO Conference*

Oxford, MA, December 1, 2009 -- [IPG Photonics Corporation](#), the world leader in high power fiber lasers and amplifiers, announced today that Bill Shiner, Vice President-Industrial Markets, received the 2009 President's Award from the [Laser Institute of America](#) (LIA), a professional society promoting cutting-edge laser applications for over 40 years. The LIA President's Award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to LIA and enable the growth and prosperity of the society. This is the first presentation of the Award in over five years.

The Award was presented at LIA's International Congress on Applications of Lasers & Electro-Optics (ICALEO) conference, November 4, 2009. At the ceremony, Shiner was recognized by current LIA President Rajesh Patel for his long term contributions towards the success of LIA.

Mr. Shiner has served on the LIA Board of Directors since the 1970's culminating in his term as President in 2007. Shiner has championed the society over the years with conference papers, advertisements, sponsorships and was the force behind the development of the LIA Laser Application Resource Guide and the Laser Additive Manufacturing Workshop. Mr. Shiner was also inducted as an LIA Fellow at the awards ceremony.

#### **About Mr. William Shiner**

William (Bill) Shiner has served as IPG's Vice President-Industrial Markets since March 2007 and as Director of Industrial Markets since August 2002. Prior to joining IPG, Mr. Shiner served as Chief Operating Officer for Convergent Prima from 1995 to 2002. Between 1980 and 1995, Mr. Shiner served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Coherent Industrial. In 1973, he co-founded Laser, Inc., which was acquired in 1980 by Coherent, Inc. Mr. Shiner holds a B.S.E.E., an M.B.A. from Northeastern University and is a Fellow and past President of the Laser Institute of America.

#### **About IPG Photonics Corporation**

[IPG Photonics](#) is the world leader in high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers. Founded in 1990, IPG pioneered the development and commercialization of optical fiber-based lasers for use in a wide range of applications such as materials processing, advanced, telecommunications and medical ones. Fiber lasers have revolutionized the industry by delivering superior performance, reliability and usability at a lower total cost of ownership compared with conventional lasers, allowing end users to increase productivity and decrease operating costs. IPG has its headquarters in Oxford, MA and has additional plants and offices throughout the world. For more information, please visit [www.ipgphotonics.com](http://www.ipgphotonics.com).

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