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Technology demonstrator CIMON* receives ‘Best of What’s New Award’ from US science magazine *Popular Science*

AI-based astronaut assistant represents a significant advancement

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Friedrichshafen, 28 November 2018 – CIMON, the technology demonstrator developed and built by Airbus on behalf of the German Space Agency at the German Aerospace Center (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt; DLR) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy has now been presented with US science magazine *Popular Science*’s ‘Best of What’s New Award.’

One of America’s oldest and best-respected magazines, *Popular Science* has been introducing its readers to the most amazing innovations and discoveries for more than a century. *Popular Science* was founded in 1872 and is published by Bonnier Corp., one of the largest consumer-publishing groups in America.

Since 1988, the publishers of *Popular Science* have reviewed thousands of products in search of top 100 tech innovations of the year. Each year’s winners represent significant advancements in their respective categories, with the ‘Best of What’s New’ awards being presented annually in ten categories. More information is available at www.popsci.com.

It was only recently, on 15 November, that CIMON successfully completed its first 90-minute space mission with German ESA astronaut Alexander Gerst on board the International Space Station (ISS). CIMON is designed to support astronauts in performing routine work, for example by displaying and explaining procedures or instructions for scientific experiments and repairs. It can also be used as a mobile camera. In particular, CIMON could be used to complete routine tasks, such as documenting experiments, searching for items and taking inventory.

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