



## Infinera's David Welch Receives 2016 IEEE Ernst Weber Managerial Leadership Award for Optical and Cloud Networking Innovation

**Sunnyvale, Calif. – June 20, 2016** – Infinera, provider of [Intelligent Transport Networks](#), announced that Dr. David F. Welch, Infinera co-founder and president, is the recipient of the 2016 IEEE Ernst Weber Managerial Leadership Award, recognizing exceptional managerial leadership in the fields of interests to the IEEE. Dr. Welch was honored with this recognition for his leadership in enabling the growth of cloud-based services and the Internet in optical transport networks at the IEEE Honors Ceremony in New York City last week.

IEEE is the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity. The IEEE Awards Program has paid tribute to researchers, inventors, innovators, and practitioners whose exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions have made a lasting impact on technology, society and the engineering profession. Each year, the IEEE Awards Board recommends a small number of outstanding individuals for IEEE's most prestigious honors.

As co-founder and president of Infinera, Dr. Welch leads Infinera's engineering, business development and marketing groups. Dr. Welch has made numerous contributions to the field of optical communication systems — including more than 250 published articles and 169 patents.

Dr. Welch has received a number of prestigious honors and awards including the 2013 Institute of Engineering and Technology J J Thomson Medal for Electronics, 2011 Optical Society of America (OSA) John Tyndall Award, 1999 OSA Joseph Fraunhofer Award/Robert M. Burley Prize, 1998 IEEE LEOS Engineering Achievement Award and the 1992 OSA Adolph Lomb Medal. He serves on the board of directors for OSA and Infinera, and is a fellow of OSA and IEEE.

"I am deeply honored to receive the IEEE Managerial Leadership Award," said Dr. Welch. "This recognition is a positive reflection of the entire team at Infinera. I am privileged to work with a global team of experts delivering disruptive optical networking solutions."

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### About Infinera

Infinera (NASDAQ: INFN) provides Intelligent Transport Networks, enabling carriers, cloud operators, governments and enterprises to scale network bandwidth, accelerate service innovation and simplify optical network operations. Infinera's end-to-end packet-optical portfolio is designed for long-haul, subsea, data center interconnect and metro applications. Infinera's unique large scale photonic integrated circuits enable innovative optical networking solutions for the most demanding networks. To learn more about Infinera visit [www.infinera.com](http://www.infinera.com), follow us on Twitter @Infinera and read our latest blog posts at [blog.infinera.com](http://blog.infinera.com).

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