

## OG21 Technology Champion 2019

Bjørn Rudshaug from Equinor and Karl Johnny Hersvik from AkerBP are the first winners of the new OG21 Technology Champion prize, awarded individuals that have been instrumental for the implementation of new, value adding technology.

- We are overwhelmed by the interest for the new award, says Roy Ruså, Digitalization Manager in Petoro and the leader of the jury. We have received many nominations, and several of the nominees could have been worthy winners of the award. This shows that we have many Technology Champions in the Norwegian petroleum industry. But we have had to choose, and we have chosen to award the inaugural "OG21 Technology Champion" prize to two persons in 2019.

Bjørn Rudshaug receives the award for his role in the successful and broad implementation of Automatic Drilling Control, whereas Karl Johnny Hersvik is awarded the price for his success in creating a digitalization culture in AkerBP.

The award was given out by the Norwegian Oil and Energy minister Kjell-Børge Freiberg during the OG21-forum, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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