

## **STORDIS Launches First All-Encompassing Academia and Research Program in the Open Networking Industry**

- **Most comprehensive A&R Program for Open Networking technology**
- **Special research discounts on a wide range of networking equipment from numerous renowned manufactures**
- **Largest selection of discounted Barefoot Tofino™-based programmable switches and P4 language training courses for universities and educational institutions**
- **Access to a global community of researchers**
- **Subscribers benefit from STORDIS' professional knowledge base**
- **Personalized consultancy and support services to help customers start new projects**

**Stuttgart, Germany – July 16<sup>th</sup> 2019:** As of today, a special Academia and Research Program was launched by STORDIS, the leading full solution provider for disaggregated network solutions in Europe, to support the development in the field of Open Networking, open source technology and science. Universities and educational institutions are invited to apply for the program to gain access to advanced know-how and engage with a broad community of researchers, as well as benefit from significant cost advantages for Open Networking equipment.

STORDIS, the leading European full solution provider for disaggregated network solutions and 'The Open Networking Expert', launches the STORDIS Academia and Research Program today. The aim is to encourage development and research in the field of information and network technology, therefore STORDIS provides access to essential technical equipment and relevant knowledge. It is the first all-encompassing A&R Program for universities and educational institutions researching in the field of Open Networking.

*"As the Open Networking Expert, we are responsible for technological progress and we consider it an obligation to drive innovation and development into open networking. Therefore, it is a key interest of STORDIS to give researchers and students access to cutting-edge high-quality equipment and knowledge,"* explains Alexander Jeffries, founder and CEO of STORDIS. *"We know that financial resources are often a limiting factor and especially when starting a project, it takes years to build a network and a community to exchange knowledge. We created the STORDIS A&R Program to address this issue and to accelerate development,"* Jeffries continues.

In the context of the A&R Program, STORDIS offers up to 65 percent off a wide range of network products including their Barefoot Tofino™-based Advance Programmable Switches (APS) series. Subscribers to the STORDIS A&R Program benefit from discounts on more than a hundred products from leading vendors, spanning 1GbE to 100GbE bare metal switches from Edgecore Networks and Delta, various Barefoot Tofino™-powered hardware, network interface cards from Silicom and Myricom, optical transceivers from Finisar, Mellanox and Embrionix, as well as a multitude of essential network accessories.

The program also includes proficient consultancy, individual support and related services, as well as discounted participation to P4 training courses hosted by STORDIS ACADEMY. Subscribers will also get access to a large community of research contacts and receive a monthly update with news about the latest trends of the Open Networking industry.

Universities and educational institutions can apply for the program and will be accepted under specific prerequisites to get access to the community and the news portal. Interested parties can submit their letter of application for the STORDIS A&R Program at <https://www.stordis.com/academia-research-program/>.

STORDIS will launch a similar program for public institutions in the near future. Interested parties can already request the relevant price list via the STORDIS website.

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**About STORDIS**

STORDIS is 'The Open Networking Expert' and Europe's leading provider of open networking infrastructure solutions with a primary focus on academia and research, media and entertainment, cyber security, service providers, financial services, defense, and telecommunications.

STORDIS specializes in developing tailor-made network solutions for customers worldwide. As a full solution provider, STORDIS offers consultancy, system integration, professional support and software development to enterprises of any size. To complement the range of existing hardware, STORDIS designed a series of versatile, powerful and fully programmable network switches (the APS series) delivering significant business advantage in various fields of the industry.

STORDIS LABS runs two state-of-the-art test laboratories in Germany and the UK, while STORDIS ACADEMY organizes unique P4 training courses. STORDIS is also a supporter, sponsor and active contributor to many open projects and communities, including the OCP (Open Compute Project), ONF (Open Networking Foundation), ONOS (Open Network Operating System), P4 Language Consortium, and further broadcast-specific organizations.