

New Composition of KIT's Presidential Committee

From 2016, New Vice Presidency for Innovation and International Affairs – New Vice President Research



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The current Presidential Committee of KIT as of January: President Holger Hanselka (3rd from the left) with Vice Presidents Thomas Hirth (Innovation and International Affairs), Oliver Kraft (Research), Elke Luise Barnstedt (Human Resources and Law), Alexander Wanner (Higher Education and Academic Affairs), and Ulrich Breuer (Finance and Business Affairs); from left to right. (Photo: Markus Breig, KIT)

In January 2016, two new Vice Presidents start activity in KIT's Presidential Committee. As of January 01, the team of KIT President Professor Holger Hanselka is complemented by Vice President Professor Oliver Kraft, who will be responsible for research, and Professor Thomas Hirth, Vice President for Innovation and International Affairs. Dr. Elke Luise Barnstedt, Dr. Ulrich Breuer, and Professor Alexander Wanner will continue their work as Vice Presidents for Human Resources and Law, Finance and Business Affairs, and Higher Education and Academic Affairs, respectively.

“With our current team of six members, we are optimally positioned for national and international competition of research and education institutions,” the President of KIT, Professor Holger Hanselka, says. “The year 2016 with the competition following the Excellence Initiative will be highly exciting. We have defined our strategic position as ‘The Research University in the Helmholtz Association’. I am highly confident for the new year and look forward to further developing the

KIT together with all our employees and making it an attractive place of studies for our students.“

The new Vice President for Research Oliver Kraft succeeds Detlef Löhe, who retired on December 31, 2015. The Vice Presidency for Innovation and International Affairs assumed by Thomas Hirth was newly established.

More information on the two Vice Presidents:

[KIT Senate Confirms Election of Thomas Hirth as Vice President for Innovation and International Affairs](#)

[KIT Senate Confirms Election of Oliver Kraft as Vice President Research](#)

More information on the former Vice President Professor Detlef Löhe, who retired on December 31, 2015:

[Leaving the KIT: Detlef Löhe Is about to Retire](#)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) pools its three core tasks of research, higher education, and innovation in a mission. With about 9,400 employees and 24,500 students, KIT is one of the big institutions of research and higher education in natural sciences and engineering in Europe.

KIT – The Research University in the Helmholtz Association

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