

## KIT and ABB Continue Successful Cooperation

The Partners Extend Collaboration in Research and Innovation and Promote Young Talent



*Dr. Elke Luise Barnstedt, Vice President of KIT for Human Resources and Law, Hans-Georg Krabbe, Chief Executive Officer of ABB AG, and Professor Thomas Hirth, Vice President of KIT for Innovation and International Affairs, (from left to right) signed the extension of the framework agreement. (Photo: Markus Breig, KIT)*

**Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and ABB have been cooperating successfully in the area of research for many years. Now, this cooperation is about to be further intensified and extended. On October 24, 2016, both parties signed the extension of the existing research framework agreement. In addition, the partners strengthen collaboration to promote young talent.**

The agreement defines the framework for the further initiation and execution of joint activities in research and innovation. Also publicly funded projects between the research and development units of the partners and concrete research contracts awarded by ABB to KIT are integral constituents of the framework agreement. Among the topics ABB and KIT wish to tackle jointly are building automation, the internet of things, as well as research into future energy grids for the energy transition in Germany.

**Monika Landgraf**  
Chief Press Officer

Kaiserstraße 12  
76131 Karlsruhe, Germany  
Phone: +49 721 608-47414  
Fax: +49 721 608-43658  
Email: [presse@kit.edu](mailto:presse@kit.edu)

**For further information,  
please contact:**

Margarete Lehné  
Public Relations and Marketing  
Phone: +49 721 608-48121  
Fax: +49 721 608-43658  
Email: [margarete.lehne@kit.edu](mailto:margarete.lehne@kit.edu)

“Innovations will result only, if science and industry work hand in hand and are sources of inspiration for each other,” says Professor Thomas Hirth, Vice President of KIT for Innovation and International Affairs. “This close cooperation is of high priority at KIT, not only in research and innovation, but also in the education of our students.”

“We are pleased to extend our successful cooperation with KIT in research to also cover programs for promoting young talent,” Hans-Georg Krabbe, Chief Executive Officer of ABB AG, says. “For the development of innovations, research expertise of one of the leading technical universities is as important as early cooperation with future young scientists and graduates.”

The planned joint activities will include internships, graduation theses or working student positions offered by ABB. Based on the newly adopted framework agreement, however, additional measures can be implemented much more rapidly and easily. Three students of KIT will benefit from a Germany Scholarship granted by ABB as from this month.

**Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) pools its three core tasks of research, higher education, and innovation in a mission. With about 9,300 employees and 25,000 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**

*Since 2010, the KIT has been certified as a family-friendly university.*

This press release is available on the internet at [www.kit.edu](http://www.kit.edu).

The photo of printing quality may be downloaded under [www.kit.edu](http://www.kit.edu) or requested by mail to [presse@kit.edu](mailto:presse@kit.edu) or phone +49 721 608-4 7414. The photo may be used in the context given above exclusively.