KIT Moves Forward in Worldwide QS Ranking

In the current QS World University Ranking, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) has improved by 25 places. KIT is ranked in position 116 worldwide. In Germany, this corresponds to place 6 and, hence, to an improvement by two places compared to 2012. In international comparison, KIT improved considerably. It is among the best universities in Germany.

Already this spring did KIT reach an excellent QS ranking by subject. In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2013, seven subjects of KIT were ranked in the top 50 of the world. In Germany, the subjects of civil engineering, materials sciences, and informatics were ranked in first place. Chemical engineering reached place 2. Mechanical engineering, physics, and chemistry were ranked in 3rd position. The ranking by subject is based on the criteria of academic reputation, reputation among employers, frequency of citations in scientific publications, and the Hirsch index, an indicator of research achievements of scientists.

The overall QS World University Ranking now is based on academic reputation, the faculty/student ratio, citations per scientist, reputation among employers, and the proportion of international scientists and students. These criteria are determined from statistics and surveys of scholars and staff managers. Since 2010, QS has been publishing an own ranking (before, it co-edited the THES Ranking) that is largely based on reputation indicators. Every autumn, the overall ranking is published, the ranking by subject is issued in spring.

More information on the ranking by subject:

Further information may obtained directly from QS:

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. Research
activities focus on energy, the natural and built environment as well as on society and technology and cover the whole range extending from fundamental aspects to application. With about 9000 employees, including nearly 6000 staff members in the science and education sector, and 24000 students, KIT is one of the biggest research and education institutions in Europe. Work of KIT is based on the knowledge triangle of research, teaching, and innovation.

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