

Challenges of Energy Industry

Heinrich Hertz Guest Professorship: EnBW Boss Villis Speaks at the KIT



Heinrich Hertz guest professor 2009: Hans-Peter Villis. (Photo by: EnBW)

Hans-Peter Villis is the 2009 Heinrich Hertz guest professor. The chief executive officer of EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG will come to the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) to give a series of presentations. From June 26, he will speak about the “Challenges of German and European Energy Industry: Energy Supply between Ecology, Economic Efficiency, and Politics”.

Two presentations of Villis will focus on the safety of supply and the energy mix as well as on regulation and the European energy market. Problems of power plant technology will be dealt with in a seminar.

Since October 2007, Villis, who was born in 1958, has been CEO of EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG. In April 2008, Villis was appointed the only German member of the Executive Committee of EnBW's principal shareholder Electricité de France.

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Villis came to EnBW from E.ON Nordic AB, where he worked as financial executive and deputy CEO. Before, he had been the CEO of E.ON Westfalen Weser AG at Paderborn. Other stations in his career were management positions at the utility company of Wesertal, Gelsen waterworks, municipal utilities of Magdeburg, VEBA, and Bergbau Westfalen.

The Heinrich Hertz guest professorship is funded by the Karlsruher Universitätsgesellschaft (Karlsruhe University Society). Before Villis, the former federal president Roman Herzog and the Nobel Prize laureate Christiane Nüsslein-Vollhardt were Heinrich Hertz guest professors.

The Program:

Safety of Supply and Energy Mix – presentation, June 26, 18 hrs, Audimax (Straße am Forum, building 30.95)

Regulation and European Energy Market – presentation, July 13, 18 hrs, Audimax

Special problems of power plant technology - seminar, July 03, 16 to 19 hrs, Rudolf-Plank-Hörsaal (Engler-Bunte-Ring, building 40.32)

The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is the merger of the Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, member of the Helmholtz Association, and the Universität Karlsruhe. This merger will give rise to an institution of internationally excellent research and teaching in natural and engineering sciences. In total, the KIT has 8000 employees and an annual budget of 700 million Euros. The KIT focuses on the knowledge triangle of research – teaching – innovation.

The Karlsruhe institution is a leading European energy research center and plays a visible role in nanosciences worldwide. KIT sets new standards in teaching and promotion of young scientists and attracts top scientists from all over the world. Moreover, KIT is a leading innovation partner of industry.

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