

Michael Kaschke to Chair the KIT Supervisory Board

CEO of the ZEISS Group Elected For Four Years

At its meeting on November 11, 2019, the Supervisory Board of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) elected Professor Michael Kaschke, CEO of the ZEISS Group, as its new Chairman. He will succeed Professor Renate Schubert from ETH Zurich, who chaired the Supervisory Board from March 2012 to September 2019. The new Supervisory Board of KIT has been in office since October 01, 2019.

“Thanks to its excellent research, academic education, and innovation activities, KIT is one of the highly renowned universities in Germany with a wide international reach. International networking as well as cooperation with industry to produce innovations will gain importance in the future,” Professor Michael Kaschke says. “Together with the other members of the Supervisory Board, I look forward to accompanying KIT on its way. I personally feel committed to advancing science and education, which is another reason why I look forward to my additional activity at KIT.”

“For the strategic further development of KIT, the Supervisory Board is a very important partner. Professor Michael Kaschke is highly experienced in research, teaching, innovation, and science policy,” says the President of KIT, Professor Holger Hanselka. “It is our goal to well position the KIT as The Research University in the Helmholtz Association on both the national and international level. I am very happy that the new Chairperson, together with the other Supervisory Board members, will support us in this effort.”

Professor Michael Kaschke, born in 1957, has been member of the Board of Management of the ZEISS Group since 2000 and CEO of the ZEISS Group since 2011. His work will end in April 2020, as planned. In 2014, Michael Kaschke was appointed to the German Council of Science and Humanities, Germany’s most important scientific-political advisory board. Since 2009, he has been Honorary Professor of the KIT Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, where he gives regular lectures on optical medical technology and innovation management. Kaschke studied physics and was conferred his doctorate for a thesis on the generation and

Monika Landgraf
Chief Press Officer,
Head of Corp. Communications

Kaiserstraße 12
76131 Karlsruhe, Germany
Phone: +49 721 608-21105
Email: presse@kit.edu

use of ultra-short laser pulses. In addition to his new office as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of KIT, Michael Kaschke is Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Carl Zeiss Meditec AG, member of the Supervisory Boards of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA, Deutsche Telekom AG, and Robert Bosch GmbH, as well as Chairman of the Aalen University Council.

As Chairman of the KIT Supervisory Board, Michael Kaschke succeeds Renate Schubert of ETH Zurich, who chaired the Supervisory Board from March 2012 to September 2019.

The KIT Supervisory Board watches over the development and profiling of The Research University in the Helmholtz Association and creates the framework conditions required to enhance its performance and competitiveness. Among others, it elects the full-time members of the Executive Board and adopts the structure and development plan as well as the construction plan. The Supervisory Board meets three times per year. Its eleven members are in office for four years, re-election is possible.

The Members of the KIT Supervisory Board:

Professor Dr. sc. nat. Michael Kaschke, CEO of the ZEISS Group, Oberkochen
Chairman of the KIT Supervisory Board

Professor Dr. Gerald Haug, Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Mainz

Dr. Andreas Keller, Deputy Chairman of the Trade Union for Education and Science, Frankfurt

Susanne Kunschert, Managing Partner of Pilz GmbH & Co. KG, Ostfildern

Professor Dr. Catrin Misselhorn, University of Göttingen

Professor Dr. Anke-Susanne Müller, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Professor Dr. Jörg Neugebauer, Max-Planck-Institut für Eisenforschung (Max Planck Institute for Iron Research), Düsseldorf

Stefan Quandt, Chairman of the Administrative Council of AQTON SE

Ministerialdirektorin Professor Dr.-Ing. Ina Schieferdecker, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Berlin

Professor Dr. Kerstin Schill, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst

Ministerialdirigentin Dr. Simone Schwanitz, Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research, and the Arts, Stuttgart

Being “The Research University in the Helmholtz Association,” KIT creates and imparts knowledge for the society and the environment. It is the objective to make significant contributions to the global challenges in the fields of energy, mobility and information. For this, about 9,300 employees cooperate in a broad range of disciplines in natural sciences, engineering sciences, economics, and the humanities and social sciences. KIT prepares its 25,100 students for responsible tasks in society, industry, and science by offering research-based study programs. Innovation efforts at KIT build a bridge between important scientific findings and their application for the benefit of society, economic prosperity, and the preservation of our natural basis of life.

This press release is available on the internet at http://www.sek.kit.edu/english/press_office.php.

This year's **anniversary logo** recalls the milestones reached by KIT and its long tradition in research, teaching, and innovation. On October 1, 2009, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, KIT for short, was established by the merger of the Karlsruhe Research Center and Karlsruhe University. KIT combines the tasks of a university of the state of Baden-Württemberg and a national research center of the Helmholtz Association in the areas of research, teaching, and innovation. It is the Research University in the Helmholtz Association. Regarding the years indicated in the logo: the later University of Karlsruhe was founded as Polytechnic School in 1825, the later Karlsruhe Research Center was established as Nuclear Reactor Construction and Operation Company in 1956.