

Establishing Germany as a top chip location: VDE VDI GMM starts 2023 with new board of directors

- **Dr. Franz Auerbach elected chairman of the board and Prof. Amelie Hagelauer deputy chairman**
- **Promoting scientific and technical development in the field of microelectronics**
- **Further important goals are the promotion of young talent as well as training and further education**

(Frankfurt a. M. 09.01.2023) The members of the VDE/VDI Society Microelectronics, Microsystems and Precision Engineering (VDE VDI GMM) have elected a new board: The new chairman of the board is now Dr. Franz Auerbach, vice president R&D Power- & Sensorsystems at Infineon Technologies AG in Munich. Prof. Amelie Hagelauer was appointed as deputy chairman of the GMM. She is Institute Director of the Fraunhofer EMFT in Munich as well as Head of the Chair of Micro and Nanosystems Technology at the Technical University of Munich.

Increasing competitiveness, promoting young scientists

In his professional career, Dr. Franz Auerbach has achieved a number of groundbreaking innovations and business successes in various functions with his teams. During his term of office, he would like to work above all on establishing Germany as a top chip location: "By taking further steps toward digitalization, standardization and the creation of an innovation ecosystem in Germany and Europe that is networked with the world, I am delighted to further increase competitiveness here in Germany." The energy turnaround, digitalization and other trends are bringing microelectronics ever more into focus. As a top location for micro- and nanotechnologies, Germany is a hub for international knowledge transfer.

As the leader of a group of doctoral students, Prof. Amelie Hagelauer has already proven that the work of young researchers is particularly close to her heart. Since 2018, she has also been a senior member of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering), the largest

international professional association for electrical engineers. Her mission is clear: "I want to network experts across disciplines, improve know-how transfer between research and industry, and shape integration technologically."

Other members of the newly elected board team are Prof. Jens Anders, University of Stuttgart, Prof. Martin Hoffmann, Ruhr University Bochum, Dr. André Kretschmann, Robert Bosch GmbH, Alexander Krick, Volkswagen Group Components and Prof. Jan Korvink, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT.

About the VDE/VDI-Society Microelectronics, Microsystems and Precision Engineering (VDE VDI GMM)

The VDE/VDI-Society Microelectronics, Microsystems and Precision Engineering (VDE VDI GMM) with its more than 9,500 members is currently divided into 7 specialist areas and about 45 specialized committees. They support the organization in conferences and workshops and do specialized work in the technical committees. In addition, they provide contacts to other technical societies within and outside the VDE and VDI. In the regional associations of VDE and VDI, the technical activities of the GMM are also supported by regional working groups.

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