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Elections to the HRK Executive Board: one new Vice-President, six members confirmed

Today in Osnabrück, the General Assembly of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) elected or re-elected seven Vice-Presidents for one-year terms on the recommendation of the HRK President, Professor Dr Walter Rosenthal.

Professor Dr Ingeborg Schramm-Wölk, President of Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSBI), was newly elected. From 1 December 2025, the biologist and medical informatics specialist will focus on the topics of transfer and sustainability as HRK Vice-President. She succeeds Professor Dr Dorit Schumann, President of Trier University of Applied Sciences, who did not stand for re-election after a total of five years on the HRK Executive Board.

The following individuals were confirmed as members of the HRK Executive Board:

Professor Dr Ulrich Bartosch, educationalist and President of the University of Passau, as Vice-President for Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education,

Professor Dr Angela Ittel, psychologist and President of the Technical University of Braunschweig, as Vice-President for International Affairs, Equal Opportunities and Diversity,

Professor Dr Georg Krausch, physicist and President of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, as Vice-President for Research and Academic Career Paths,

Professor Dr Susanne Menzel-Riedl, biology teaching specialist and President of the University of Osnabrück, as Vice-President for the Higher Education System and Organisation,

Professor Dr Ulrike Tippe, mathematician and President of Wildau Technical University of Applied Sciences, as HRK Vice-President for Digitalisation and Academic Continuing Education,

and **Dr Arne Zerbst**, philosopher and President of the Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design in Kiel, as Vice-President for the culture of cooperation within the higher education system and matters relating to Universities of the Arts.

The HRK Executive Board also includes the President as well as the spokesperson of the Universities Member Group, Professor Dr Anja Steinbeck, Rector of Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, and the spokesperson of the Universities of Applied Sciences (Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften/Fachhochschulen) Member Group, Professor Dr Jörg Bagdahn, President of Anhalt University of Applied Sciences.

The HRK President and the General Assembly thanked the outgoing Vice-President, Professor Dr Dorit Schumann, for her many years of commitment. They noted her outstanding contribution to promoting the value of university transfer activities and the embedding of sustainability as an integral part of university development.