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**Horst Hippler re-elected as HRK President**

Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler, President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), was today confirmed in office by the HRK General Meeting in Kaiserslautern. The second three-year term of office begins on 1 September 2015 for the former President of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).

Horst Hippler has been President of the HRK since May 2012. Prior to this, he was Rector of the University of Karlsruhe (from 2002) and then President of the newly founded KIT between 2009 and 2012 after the university merged with the Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe Research Centre).

The HRK President studied physics at the University of Göttingen, studied for his doctorate at the École Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne and habilitated in Göttingen. He was a Professor for Physical Chemistry at the University of Karlsruhe and the KIT.

Hippler said that implementing improved basic funding for higher education institutions is his main objective for his second term of office. He added that regional and national governments ultimately need to have a firm approach to this goal after the ban on cooperation was relaxed last year.

**Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler's profile**