

13 May 2014**Three new members elected to the HRK Executive Board**

From August, the Executive Board of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) will have three new members: Professor Dr. Andreas Bertram, Professor Dr. Ulrich Rüdiger and Professor Dr. Johanna Eleonore Weber were elected HRK Vice Presidents at the General Meeting in Frankfurt am Main.

Professor Dr. Andreas Bertram has been President of the University of Osnabrück since 2010. A horticultural scientist, he was awarded the title Dr. agr. after he completed his doctoral studies at the Technical University in Munich/Weihenstephan in 2003. He habilitated at the Leibniz University in Hanover and has been Professor of "Horticultural Technology" at the University of Osnabrück since 2004. He is the member of the HRK Executive Board who will be responsible for "Information Infrastructures".

Professor Dr. Ulrich Rüdiger has been Rector of the University of Konstanz since 2009. A physicist, he habilitated after he was awarded the title of Dr. rer. nat. in 2003 at the RWTH University of Aachen. He has been Professor of Experimental Physics in the Physics faculty at the University of Konstanz since 2002. His particular interests include magnetic materials and magneto and spin electronics. He will be responsible for "Research and Young Researchers" on the Executive Board.

Professor Dr. Johanna Eleonore Weber has been Rector of the Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University in Greifswald since 2013. She is a psychologist who took her doctorate at the Otto-Friedrich University in Bamberg where she also habilitated in 1992. In 1994 she accepted an appointment to the Chair for Differential and Personality Psychology / Psychological Diagnostics at the Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University in Greifswald. Her area of responsibility on the HRK Executive Board will be "Medical Institutions and Health Sciences".

Professor Karl-Dieter Gröske, President of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, and Professor Joachim Metzner, former President of the University of Applied Sciences in Cologne, are stepping down from the Executive Board at the end of July. Having served three terms, neither of them were eligible to stand for re-election. The President and the General Meeting of the HRK paid tribute to the hard work that both the Vice Presidents had contributed in the interests of higher education in Germany.

The term for a Vice President is two years. The members who have just been elected will bring the number of members on the HRK Executive Board once again to eight from 1 August.