

## **Professor Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel, University of Stuttgart, elected as next President of the TU9 Alliance**

**Berlin, July 11, 2017** – The TU9 Universities have elected Professor Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel, Rector of the University of Stuttgart and Chairman of the State of Baden-Württemberg Rectors Conference, as their next TU9 President.

Professor Ressel was unanimously elected by his colleagues as TU9 President for the 2018-2020 tenure during the closed TU9 Strategy Meeting at the TUM Science and Study Center in Raitenhaslach, northern Bavaria. He is currently TU9 Vice President and takes over from fellow colleague Professor Dr. Hans Jürgen Prömel, President of Technische Universität Darmstadt and TU9 President since 2014.

“I would like to thank my colleague Professor Ressel for his excellent work during the past two terms of office and congratulate him on the election outcome,” Professor Prömel said following the election. “I look forward to working with him within TU9 in the new line-up.” In accordance with the TU9 Charter, Professor Prömel was no longer available for re-election.

The election of the TU9 Vice President for the 2018-2020 tenure will follow at the proposal of designated TU9 President Ressel at the TU9 General Assembly in autumn. The official date of appointment for the new TU9 Executive Board is January 1, 2018.

Speaking after his election, Professor Ressel said: “I am delighted to be able to work with my fellow colleagues to shape the future of Germany’s technical universities, and strengthen their competitive abilities at both national and international level. The idea is to continuously stress how the work performed by the universities in the TU9 Alliance benefits research, industry and society as a whole.”

### **Professor Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel**

Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Wolfram Ressel studied civil engineering and obtained a doctorate in transportation and road traffic engineering in Munich. In 1998, he was appointed to the Institute for Road and Traffic Engineering at the University of Stuttgart. From 2000 to 2006 he was Dean of Faculty 2, Civil and Environmental Engineering. He began his second term as Rector of the University of Stuttgart in 2006. In 2014, he was elected Vice President of TU9 German Institutes of Technology e.V., with his re-election following in 2016. He was appointed Chairman of the State of Baden-Württemberg Rectors’ Conference that same year. He has also held the position of Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Federal Highway Research Institute (BASt) since 2008.

### **About TU9**

TU9 is the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany: RWTH Aachen University, TU Berlin, TU Braunschweig, TU Darmstadt, TU Dresden, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, TU München, and University of Stuttgart. Over 270,000 students are enrolled at TU9 Universities, making for some 10 percent of students in Germany overall. Around 50 percent of engineering degrees and engineering doctorates in Germany are obtained at TU9 universities.

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