

## PRESS REPORT

### DVS General Manager Dr. Boecking on the Board of Directors of IIW

**Düsseldorf, August 8, 2019.** The 72nd Annual Assembly with a subsequent conference of the International Institute of Welding (IIW) from July 7 to 12 was particularly significant for DVS - German Welding Society this year. Because the DVS General Manager Dr.-Ing. Roland Boecking was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors of IIW. Thus, Germany is now represented with three German members in this body of the International Institute of Welding to which Professor Dr.-Ing. habil. Thomas Böllinghaus, Vice-President of the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM) in Berlin, and Dipl.-Ing. Christian Ahrens, International Welding Consultant, Duisburg, already belong.

The President of IIW, Douglas Luciani from Canada, was able to welcome numerous representatives of the IIW member organisations from 55 countries to the General Assembly in Bratislava/Slovakia. Important subjects were discussed in the assembly and decision proposals were introduced and voted on.

Dr. Boecking considers it to be an honour to be appointed to the Board of Directors. He is looking forward to the forthcoming tasks in IIW. "The next months will certainly become intensive and exciting," said the DVS General Manager. Because the headquarters of IIW will be relocated from Paris/France to Genoa/Italy on January 1, 2020. Dr. Luca Costa from the Italian Welding Society is becoming the new CEO of IIW and resigned from his office as the Treasurer of IIW for this purpose. The CEO of IIW until now, Dr. Cecile Mayer from the French Welding Institute, was thanked for her many years of commendable activity.

#### Three marks of distinction for Germany

The six-day international event was significant for Germany from another viewpoint too. Because, during the presentation of the IIW awards at the Annual Assembly, no fewer than two German scientists were able to be pleased about marks of distinction. Thus, Dipl.-Ing. Alexander Nitsche, scientific employee at the Chair of Welding Engineering at the Chemnitz University of Technology, received the Henry Granjon Prize in Category B for his paper on the subject of "Solidification phenomena in creep-resistant 9Cr weld metal and their implications on mechanical properties". Dr.-Ing. Jonas Hensel, Institute of Joining and Welding Technology at the Braunschweig University of Technology, was also presented with the Henry Granjon Prize, but in Category C, for his investigations

into the subject of "Mean stress correction in fatigue design under consideration of welding residual stress".

Within the framework of the IIW honours, the organiser, the Slovakian Welding Society, distinguished a few meritorious people with the "Memorial Medal of Jozef Čabelca" for their outstanding contributions to the development of welding technology. These also included the longstanding Director of the DVS state branch in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Dr.-Ing. Hans Georg Groß, who has represented DVS in the Eastern European countries for many years and has rendered outstanding services to the Slovakian society due to his active support.

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**About DVS**

DVS - German Welding Society is a technical-scientific society which, encompassing over 120 years of experience, is dedicated to the more than 250 different processes for joining, cutting and surfacing. The heart of all DVS activities is the joint technical-scientific work. It stands for the persistently close interlinking of contents and results from the fields of research, technology and education. The affiliated companies of DVS process the results from the society and present them to the outside with their own main focal points. The head office of the society recognised as non-profit-making is in Düsseldorf. The around 19,000 members are looked after directly in situ by the 13 DVS state branches and the 74 DVS district branches. Together, all the members of the society are committed to joining technology suitable for the future in every respect.