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German Hydrogen Association founded

The German Hydrogen Association (DWV) has been founded at Berlin on 12. June. Among the first members are industrial companies (Messer Griesheim, Air Products, CONOC, Ludwig-Boelkow-Systemtechnik), research institutes (Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Wuerttemberg) and private persons (Ludwig Boelkow, Horst-Henning Giere/Aral, H.-G. Klug/DASA). Members of the board are: Eberhard Behrend (BAM), Rolf Ewald (Messer Griesheim), Ulrich Schmidtchen (BAM), Oliver Weinmann (Hamburgische Electricitaets-Werke) and Reinhard Wurster (Ludwig-Boelkow-Systemtechnik).

The German Hydrogen Association will be registered as non-profit legal entity. The office is at the site of the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM) at Berlin.

Members of the association will be companies, institutes, and agencies as well as private persons.

The association shall co-ordinate and support the use of hydrogen as energy carrier. To this end it will promote research and development and make proposals for the solution of application problems. Standardization and regulation, especially in the field of safety, will be advanced and supported as well. Another aim is to make economy, science, and politics acquainted with the topic "hydrogen energy". Last, but not least the general public shall be informed about the possibilities of the use of hydrogen.

The background of the foundation is the necessity to develop environmentally benign and sustainable primary energies as well as the associated storage and transport media. Hydrogen is an optimal candidate as energy carrier because it can be generated in arbitrary amounts from e. g. water, and in use it burns again to water without emissions worth to be mentioned. The technical and economical foundation for this must be broadened. Current topics are e. g. the work on European test and approval procedures for storage vessels, especially those made of new materials.

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