

HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL INITIATIVE HESSE NOW CONSTITUTED AS A LEGAL BODY

The hydrogen and fuel cell initiative in the German state of Hesse has now constituted itself as a legal body. This happened on 10. March at Hanau (Frankfurt area), the event being hosted by the company OMG (which continues the fuel cell activities of Degussa AG). The association is called „Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Initiative Hesse“ (H2BZ Hesse). Since April 2002 the initiative existed as an informal group of companies which had the technical form of a working group of the German Hydrogen Association (see our press release No. 2/02 of 8. May 2002).

The new association has its seat in Frankfurt am Main at the company Infraser GmbH & Co. Hoechst KG in the industrial area Frankfurt-Hoechst and will apply for the status of a non-profit organization.

Twelve industrial companies from Hesse and five persons from the field are among the members. Technologiestiftung Hessen represents the state ministry for economy of Hesse. Other companies support the activity and have announced their intention to join.

The meeting of members held at Ruesselsheim on 28. March elected a board of six members. Dr. Heinrich Lienkamp (Infraser Hoechst) became chairman, Prof. Dr. Birgit Scheppat of the University of Applied Sciences at Wiesbaden is vice chairman.

The objective of the association are the promotion and further development of the competence, especially that existing in science, industry, and public bodies Hesse, in the field of hydrogen and fuel cell technology. The breakthrough of the new technologies up to the point of economical realization will be assisted by support for research, transfer of know-how, dissemination of knowledge, teaching and education as well as public relations.

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