

Eike Bär
(chairman)

Seventh General Meeting of the FGF

The Research Association for Radio Applications (FGF) has a new chairman: Eike Bär from Motorola was elected during the seventh general meeting of the FGF in Frankfurt/Main on 28 January 1999.

Bär took up the succession of Georg Langheld who managed the FGF for six years and turned down a re-election for vocational reasons. Due to his merit he became honorary chairman of the FGF.

In the name of the previous committee Dr. Christian Payer / Bosch thanked the separating chairman for his work. Langheld essentially contributed to the FGF being a forum of scientific research.

Langheld on his part expressed his thanks for the confidence and the good cooperation during the last six years. He hoped, that the good work of the last years had „contributed a little bit to the enrichment of the knowledge in EMF research“.

In his report Langheld struck a positive balance of the year 1998. The FGF played a Europe-wide innovator's role in the support of research for „Electromagnetic environmental compatibility“.

To the highlights of the year Langheld counted the dialogue with the EU in the run-up of the fifth framework for the support of research and technological development, the participation at the 20th world congress of the BEMS in St. Petersburg Beach/USA and the WHO conventions in Geneva as well as the active involvement in the COST 244bis program and also the diverse activities of members at CENELEC.

Research Projects

As Langheld explained, at present 13 research projects are in the project or assessment phase. Six projects are to be continued this year. The remaining seven projects have been scientifically completed, but detailed final documentation or the assessment within the scope of a presentation are still missing. Altogether 1.3 million marks have been spent on research during the last year. Since the foundation of the FGF in 1993 all in all 72 single projects have been supported with an amount of altogether 6.76 million marks.

Beside the continuation of the six current projects the FGF wants to realize a new call for bids on the subject „Electrosensitivity“. Additionally, in cooperation with the carriers and manufacturers the large EU projects shall be supported which are to be started this year within the scope of the fifth framework of the EU.

Public Relations

Also in the field of public relations the FGF can look back to a successful year. Target group-orientated public relations could be further extended. The internet offer was extended by a forum of topics where authors can give their opinions about certain subjects. The „calendar of events“ gains increasingly positive response as well as the newly offered possibility to request all articles in English.

Beside the internet offer, which is exceedingly successful with about 20,000 accesses per month, the publication series have also proved efficient. During the last year three issues of the „Newsletter“ and

FGF with new committee

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Peter Zapf/Siemens
Dr. Horst Lennertz/E-Plus
Dr. Wolf R. Haas/
Mannesmann Mobilfunk

one edition of the „Edition Wissenschaft“ in German as well as two English editions were published.

Finances

The FGF has gained international reputation to handle its disposable financial means quite efficiently. The receipts of 2.45 million marks of the last year were faced by expenditures of 2.37 million marks, the outweighing proportion has been spent on research projects. For the current financial year a budget of 2.7 million marks is available, 1.6 million marks of it shall be spent for research of third parties. ■