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Changes to the dpa supervisory board: Julia Becker, Renate Dempfle and Marco Maier join the board - Dr. Laurent Fischer steps down



Hamburg (ots) -

The previously co-opted members Julia Becker (FUNKE Mediengruppe), Renate Dempfle (Main-Post) and Marco Maier (Radio/Tele FFH Mediengruppe) have been elected to the supervisory board of Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH. The long-standing deputy chairman of the supervisory board, Dr. Laurent Fischer (Nordbayerischer Kurier Zeitungsverlag) has stepped down from the board at his own request. Germany's largest news agency dpa announced this today following its 76th shareholders' meeting in Hamburg.

"I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with Julia Becker, Renate Dempfle and Marco Maier on the board. At the same time, I would like to thank Dr. Laurent Fischer for his services to dpa and wish him all the best for the future," said Daniel Schöningh, chairman of the dpa supervisory board. "Dr. Laurent Fischer was a member of the dpa supervisory board for more than three decades, including many years as chairman of the Product and Marketing Committee. We will greatly miss his publishing expertise and his in-depth knowledge of the German media industry in our committee work," Schöningh continued.

In addition, Deputy Chairman Valdo Lehari jr. (Reutlinger General-Anzeiger) as well as Herbert Dachs (Medienholding Süd), Joachim Knuth (NDR), Frank Mahlberg (Axel Springer) and Holger Martens (RHEINPFALZ) were re-elected to the supervisory board to serve another three-year term.

Following the 76th shareholders' meeting, the executive board of the supervisory board consists of Daniel Schöningh (chairman, Ippen-Mediengruppe), Valdo Lehari jr. (deputy chairman, Reutlinger General-Anzeiger) and Dr. Stephan Kolschen (secretary, Ernst Brune).

Berliner Verlag has joined the circle of dpa shareholders. The company, which publishes the Berliner Zeitung newspaper, among other titles, is acquiring some of the shares returned to dpa by departing shareholders. Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH has around 170 shareholders. Each shareholder may acquire up to 1.5% of the share capital. This restriction guarantees dpa's independence from any individual interests.

The supervisory board of dpa / as of July 2025

Daniel Schöningh, Chairman

CEO, Ippen-Mediengruppe, Munich

Valdo Lehari jr., Deputy Chairman

Publisher and Managing Director, Reutlinger General-Anzeiger Verlags-GmbH & Co. KG, Reutlingen

Dr Stephan Kolschen, Secretary

Managing Partner, Ernst Brune GmbH & Co. Kommanditgesellschaft, Wilhelmshaven

Julia Becker

Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board, FUNKE Mediengruppe, Essen

Herbert Dachs

Chairman of the Management Board, Medienholding Süd GmbH, Stuttgart

Renate Dempfle

Managing Director, Main-Post, Würzburg

Thomas Düffert

Chairman of the Management Board, MADSACK Mediengruppe, Hanover

Julia Jäkel

Hamburg

Joachim Knuth

Director-General, NDR, Hamburg

Frank Mahlberg

Chief Operating Officer BILD-Gruppe, Axel Springer Deutschland GmbH, Berlin

Marco Maier

Managing Director, Radio/Tele FFH Mediengruppe, Bad Vilbel

Holger Martens

Managing Director, RHEINPFALZ Verlag und Druckerei GmbH & Co. KG, Ludwigshafen

Bettina Schausten

Editor-in-Chief, ZDF, Mainz

Dr. Nadja Scholz

Programme Director, Deutsche Welle, Berlin

Achim Twardy

Hamburg

Birgit Wentzien

Editor-in-Chief, Deutschlandfunk, Cologne

Johannes Werle

Chairman of the Management Board, Rheinische Post Mediengruppe GmbH, Düsseldorf

Honorary Chairmen: Karlheinz Röthemeier, David Brandstätter

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The German Press Agency (dpa) was founded in 1949 and is one of the world's leading independent news agencies. dpa supplies media groups, companies and organisations with editorial content. This includes texts, photos, videos, graphics, radio reports and other formats. As an internationally active agency, dpa reports in seven languages. Approximately 1,000 journalists work from around 140 locations in Germany and abroad. Around 170 German media companies are dpa shareholders. The central editorial office, headed by Editor-in-Chief Sven Gösmann, is located in Berlin. The executive board, headed by CEO Peter Kropsch, is based at the company's headquarters in Hamburg. The chairman of the supervisory board is Daniel Schöningh (Ippen Media Group, Munich).

At home and abroad, media with various editorial orientations place their trust in dpa's non-partisan, neutral and verified reporting. dpa works according to the principles laid down in its statutes: independent of world views, commercial enterprises or governments. dpa rejects financial contributions from government agencies, companies and private individuals. dpa only accepts project-related funding in a small number of selected cases and after careful consideration. A list of these projects can be found [on our website](#).

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