

# Rudolf Staiger Named as Next DVW President



The members of DVW have unanimously elected Prof Rudolf Staiger as the next president. He will succeed Prof Hansjörg Kutterer who has held the role since 2016. Staiger will take up his position at the German Association for Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management at the beginning of 2023.

During the DVW's general meeting in Essen, Germany, on 17 October 2022,

members voted on various positions in the association. Hansjörg Kutterer, who has been DVW president since 2016 and prior to that was DVW vice president from 2009, will step down at the end of the year to pursue new professional challenges at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). Besides the election of Staiger as his successor, Dr Christian Hesse and Prof Jürgen Müller were re-elected as vice president and ZFV editor, respectively.

Up until spring 2022, Staiger was a professor at Bochum University of Applied Sciences. He has already held various positions at DVW, including heading the former working group 'Surveying Instruments and Methods' until 2010. He will remain in his current role as president of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) until the end of 2022. [Diane Dumashie was elected as his successor](#) at the recent FIG Congress in Warsaw (Poland) in September 2022.

"Saying goodbye after almost 14 years on the board, including six years as president, is far from easy for me. But everything comes to an end. I am delighted that Rudolf Staiger will be succeeding me," said Kutterer after the vote.

On behalf of everyone present, DVW Vice President Susanne Kleemann thanked Kutterer for his work: "Hansjörg Kutterer has always led the association prudently and with both his heart and mind, which has optimally positioned it for the future."

In addition, DVW Vice President Dr Jens Riecken will be leaving the board at the end of the year after 14 years. Riecken has been intensively involved in various topics at DVW, in particular in the areas of digitization and geoinformation. Moreover, as a member of the board, he was instrumental in shaping the Intergeo conference programme and has represented DVW in the [Council of European Geodetic Surveyors](#) (CLGE) for many years. Kutterer thanked Riecken for his extraordinary commitment to DVW.



Rudolf Staiger and Hansjörg Kutterer during the Intergeo 2022 opening.