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Fraunhofer IIS expands board of directors

Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS appoints new director to the board of directors: Dr. Bernhard Grill, former deputy director to Prof. Albert Heuberger, joins the board of directors at Fraunhofer IIS on November 1. While Heuberger, director of Fraunhofer IIS since 2011, assumes the position as executive director, Grill will oversee the activities of the Audio & Multimedia division.

Director of administration, finance, human resources and legal operations at Fraunhofer IIS, Peter Dittrich, has been appointed deputy director. Prof. Randolph Hanke will continue in his position as deputy director.

Bernhard Grill studied Electrical Engineering at Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg. Since 1988 his work as research scientist has crucially contributed to the development of the audio coding technologies mp3 and AAC. On behalf of the large team of scientists at IIS he was honored with the »Deutscher Zukunftspreis« together with Harald Popp and Karlheinz Brandenburg for the invention of mp3 by Federal President Johannes Rau in 2000. The scientist has received numerous awards, including the Joseph von Fraunhofer Award and the Eduard Rhein Award. Bernhard Grill has been heading the Audio department at Fraunhofer IIS since 2000 and was appointed head of the Audio & Multimedia division in 2011. The division's headcount has increased to more than 200 scientists and is recognized globally as the scientific and technological leader across many areas of audio signal processing.

With its headquarters in Erlangen, Fraunhofer IIS has 13 locations in 10 cities and ranks first among all Fraunhofer institutes in size. About 950 Fraunhofer IIS employees are currently working on new research results and services with an annual research budget of 130 million euros.

Fraunhofer IIS Board of Directors

Prof. Dr. Albert Heuberger	Executive Director
Dr. Bernhard Grill	Director with focus on Audio & Multimedia
Prof. Dr. Randolph Hanke	Deputy Director
Dr. Peter Dittrich	Deputy Director

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Executive Director Prof. Dr. Albert Heuberger (left) and Director with focus on Audio & Multimedia Dr. Bernhard Grill (right) © Fraunhofer IIS/Giulia Iannicelli | Picture in color and print quality:
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The **Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft** is the leading organization for applied research in Europe. Its research activities are conducted by 67 institutes and research units at locations throughout Germany. The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft employs a staff of 24,000, who work with an annual research budget totaling more than 2.1 billion euros.

The **Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS** is one of the world's leading application-oriented research institutions for microelectronic and IT system solutions and services. It ranks first among all Fraunhofer Institutes. With the creation of mp3 and the co-development of AAC, Fraunhofer IIS has reached worldwide recognition. In close cooperation with partners and clients the Institute provides research and development services in the following areas: Audio & Multimedia, Imaging Systems, Energy Management, IC Design and Design Automation, Communication Systems, Positioning, Medical Technology, Sensor Systems, Safety and Security Technology, Supply Chain Management and Non-destructive Testing. About 950 employees conduct contract research for industry, the service sector and public authorities. Founded in 1985 in Erlangen, Fraunhofer IIS has now 13 locations in 10 cities: Erlangen (headquarters), Nuremberg, Fürth, Dresden, further in Bamberg, Waischenfeld, Coburg, Würzburg, Ilmenau and Deggendorf. The budget of 130 million euros is mainly financed by projects. 22 percent of the budget is subsidized by federal and state funds.

Detailed information on: www.iis.fraunhofer.de/en