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Dr. Jörg Dräger to become Executive Director of the Board of Trustees

Dr. Jörg Dräger, 53, member of the Board of Trustees of the Kühne Foundation since 2008, has been appointed Executive Director of the Board of Trustees with effect from 1 April 2022. He will carry out responsibilities at the Kühne Foundation's head office in Schindellegi / Switzerland. Dr. Dräger has been closely associated with the Foundation for many years and brings with him the best prerequisites for the further strategic development of the Kühne Foundation and for defining and implementing future growth priorities.

The Kühne Foundation is a Swiss institution with a global orientation. Its programmatic focuses lie in education and research in logistics, in medical research and therapy as well as in supporting cultural activities and a liberal economic order. Special attention is given to the expansion of the Kühne Logistics University in Hamburg, founded in 2010. Today an international team of 25 professors conducts teaching for 400 students. In this context, it is envisaged to increase the international reach in the field of logistics science.

The Kühne Foundation's medical programmes – research, education and therapy in allergology and cardiology – are concentrated in Davos, Switzerland. In addition to the expansion of the Foundation's own Hochgebirgsklinik and research centers in Davos, the focus will be on databased medicine.

Since 2008, Dr. Jörg Dräger has been a member of the Executive Board of Bertelsmann Stiftung und Director of the CHE Center of Higher Education. He will end his tenure there on 31 December 2021. From 2001 to 2008, Dr. Dräger took office at the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg as Minister of Science and Research; between 2004 and 2006, he was additionally in charge of the areas Health and Consumer Protection. Dr. Jörg Dräger was awarded his Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics at Cornell University, U.S.A.; he worked for Roland Berger Strategy Consultants in Frankfurt / Main and built up the Northern Institute of Technology in Hamburg as CEO.

Prof. Dr. h. c. Klaus-Michael Kühne, President of the Board of Trustees of the Kühne Foundation: «Given the growing importance of the Kühne Foundation and its wide range of activities I am very pleased that with Dr. Jörg Dräger we were able to gain a highly qualified personality for the newly created position of Executive Director of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Dräger is very experienced in the world of science and business and therefore ideally placed to continue the successful development of our Foundation's activities and to set new focuses. In logistics, medicine, and culture as well as in the humanitarian sector, the Kühne Foundation will face many new tasks».

Dr. Jörg Dräger: «I would like to thank Klaus-Michael Kühne for the trust placed in me to further develop and extend the Kühne Foundation. As a large operative foundation, which is initiating and managing its own projects, the Kühne Foundation offers a huge potential for global impact. I am looking forward to shaping the Foundation's future together with the Donor and the Board of Trustees».

Besides Dr. Dräger, Dr. Christian Berthold will continue to act as Managing Director of the Kühne Foundation.

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