PRESS RELEASE

Personal achievements and appointments

Janis Eitner, Director of Communications, leaves Fraunhofer to be Vice President Communications, Marketing and Brand at Webasto SE

Janis Eitner, Director of Communications at the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, headquartered in Munich, is leaving at his own request on December 1, 2021 and moving to the global systems partner of the mobility industry, Webasto SE, as Vice President Communications, Marketing & Brand. He succeeds Nadine Schian in this position. Eitner has worked at the headquarters of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft for six years and held various management positions in Communications, most recently reporting directly to the President of Fraunhofer, Prof. Reimund Neugebauer.

The Fraunhofer Executive Board would like to express their sincere gratitude to Mr. Eitner for his many years of outstanding service and exemplary commitment. In particular, their thanks go out for his achievements in the continuous professionalization of the Fraunhofer scientific and technology communication, the constant expansion of the cross-media service portfolio of the communications departments and their further development, as well as the proactive, strategic implementation and evolution of the areas of Brand Management, Marketing and Reputation.

From December 1, 2021, Claudia Kasper, Director of Presidential Communications and Staff, will be the acting contact partner for the management of Fraunhofer Communications.
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Fig. 1  Janis Eitner, Fraunhofer Director of Communications, will be starting at Webasto SE.

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