

*Founding Board of Trustees, March, 2002
(left to right) Klaus Wiegandt, Annette
Maas, Arno Krause, Hans Dieter Metz (†)*



FOUNDATION FORUM FÜR VERANTWORTUNG - ESTABLISHMENT AND HISTORY

January 15, 2000

Establishment of Forum für Verantwortung—Foundation for scientific education and education for seniors. The mission of the foundation is defined as “promoting education and science to enable people to act on the basis of insights and responsibility.”

2002-2012

Scientific colloquiums (p.14) Book series Forum für Verantwortung (named after the foundation), focus on sustainability

July 5, 2006

The name of the foundation is shortened to Forum für Verantwortung.

2006

Establishment of the educational initiative Encouraging Sustainability (p. 67)
Book series on the future of the Earth (p. 69)



July 14, 2010

Authorization of the changes to the articles of association concerning the mission of the foundation, which now includes “promoting education, science, and research, particularly in the area of sustainable development.”

2010

Employment of an Executive Director and staff

Since 2013

Colloquiums for young scholars (S. 33)
ZEIT WISSEN Award Encouraging Sustainability (p. 36)

2014

Book series: Blueprints for a world with a future (p. 40)
Forum für Verantwortung presents its new logo and website
(www.forum-fuer-verantwortung.de)

January 15, 2015

15th anniversary of the establishment of the foundation
Forum für Verantwortung



*Anne Wiegandt,
Jürgen Kerwer:
new members
of the Board
of Trustees*



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KLAUS WIEGANDT'S TEAM

Birgit Hamm is a trained draftsman. Following almost 20 years in the construction industry, she took a position with ASKO EUROPA-STIFTUNG in 2007 doing secretarial and organizational work as well as IT support and was also involved with the initiative Encouraging Sustainability in this capacity. In 2012, she joined Forum für Verantwortung as Office Manager.

Petra Lauermann (M.A.) studied education, information science, and developmental psychology. She has been a Scientific Officer with the educational initiative Encouraging Sustainability since 2008. She coordinates educational projects, for example conducting seminars for schools and non-school partners, and is the contact for networks, cooperation partners, and educational institutions.

Annette Maas, M.A. (F) studied history, Romance studies, and philosophy in Germany and France. Following many years of scientific activities in academia, she has been active in various functions in relation to foundations since 1997. Ms. Maas is a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the foundation Forum für Verantwortung and has been responsible for colloquiums, book series, the Board of Trustees, and the Association

of Friends of the Foundation from the beginning. She has had a lectureship on foundations (historically oriented cultural sciences) at Saarland University since 2009.

Anne Marschner has a B.A. in tourism management and marketing and completed an advanced training course as a PR consultant (DAPR) in 2008. She worked in marketing for the Swiss airline SWISS from 2001 to 2005 and has been responsible for public relations for the Partners for Europe network (<http://www.partner-fuer-europa.de/index.php/en/>) since 2005. Her responsibilities also include coordinating and organizing events as well as supporting project work for the educational initiative Encouraging Sustainability.

Simone Petrischak completed an integrated degree program in business administration in Kiel, earning the degree of Diplom (FH) in 2002. From 1997 to 2006, she worked for a major industrial corporation in Kiel. In addition, she was active in the Kieler Planetarium association and conducted numerous public events in the Planetarium/Mediendom of the University of Applied Sciences Kiel. She has been responsible for organization and coordination, in particular preparing events, at the foundation Forum für Verantwortung since early 2012.



Dr. Hannes Petrischak

Hannes Petrischak has served as Executive Director of the foundation Forum für Verantwortung since 2010. His work is devoted to sustainable development in various event formats, which are usually highly interdisciplinary. Following studies in biology in Kiel, he completed his doctorate on butterflies in the Costa Rican rainforest in 2003. He developed and presented numerous events at the planetarium/Mediendom in Kiel through 2006. During a distance learning university program on "Environment and education" at the University of Rostock, education for sustainable development became one of his main focal areas. In 2006, he joined ASKO EUROPA-STIFTUNG, initially as Project Director of the initiative Encouraging Sustainability. His lectures, lectureships, and publications are devoted particularly to the Earth system and to biological diversity.



Annette Maas, Klaus Wiegandt, Dr. Hannes Petrischak, Simone Petrischak, Birgit Hamm, Anne Marschner (left to right). Petra Lauermann is not shown (see p. 51).

At times, Privatdozent Dr. Dirk Solte was employed as a Research Fellow, and Ms. Christina Dmitrenko as a Secretary. We also thank Ms. Barbara Dony (ASKO EUROPA-STIFTUNG) for her reliable support in the areas of bookkeeping and personnel.

AMBASSADORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

In 2011, the foundation Forum für Verantwortung established the Association of Friends of the Foundation. Its goal is to recruit supporters who are willing to take a stand in society as ambassadors for sustainable development and simultaneously promote the activities of the not-for-profit foundation through an annual gift.

"Above all, I am seeking active as well as former business executives who would like to make a contribution to a discourse on sustainability in our society. Members who would like to take an active role are welcome, as are members who do not have the time to take on additional commitments—but who do not want to 'invest' in a start-up." (Klaus Wiegandt)

"Humankind has become the strongest force shaping planet Earth, which is why we bear special responsibility for our actions. Through our lifestyles and our production processes, we make decisions about the natural foundations on which our lives and the lives of future generations depend." (Dr. Hannes Petrischak)

The members of the Association of Friends receive

- information about the activities of the foundation on a continual basis
- advance invitations to planned events
- the opportunity to participate in special events for members
- the annual report on the use of funds
- as well as all of the foundation's publications.

The annual contribution is 5,000 euros per member, and it is tax-deductible. The additional funds raised through the Association of Friends finance seminars on sustainability for doctoral candidates, students, and journalists that are offered free of charge. The foundation also uses funds from the Association of Friends to continue a book series dealing with concrete blueprints for the future as well as for research projects that do not receive government funding.

The annual meeting of the Association of Friends is a venue for intensive exchange about the substance of the foundation's work. Lectures by scientists introduce the various topics related to sustainability.



Jörg Pretzel

The Association of Friends is represented in the public sphere by the Executive Committee, which has been chaired from the beginning by Jörg Pretzel, CEO of GS1 Germany GmbH in Cologne. Thanks to the dedicated, successful recruiting of new members, particularly by Jörg Pretzel, the Association of Friends has seen encouraging growth.

Besides Jörg Pretzel, the members of the Executive Committee are: Martina Sandrock, Ulrike Wieduwilt, Christian D. Falkowski, and Zygmunt Mierdorf.

The members of the Association of Friends of the Foundation Forum für Verantwortung (as of November, 2015):

Klaus-Peter Beck, Christian Claus, Dr. h.c. Erwin Conradi, Marc Eckes, Christian D. Falkowski, Thomas Fell, Dr. Matthias Händle, Stefan Heinig, Dieter Hofmann, Dirk Hottes, Sascha Hottes, Reinhard Hübner, Siegfried Kaske, Dr. Hans-Joachim Körber, Klaus Kottmeier, Charlotte Krämer, Arno Krause, Tom Krause, Philipp Dean Kruk-De la Cruz, Klaus Lellé, Dr. Wolf-Dietrich Loose, Zygmunt Mierdorf, Wilfried Mocken, Dr.h.c. August Oetker, Klaus-Jürgen Philipp, Jörg Pretzel, Martina Sandrock, Hans-Werner Scherer, Bernd Schmidt, Michael Schmidt, Reinhard Schneider, Tim Schwertner, Ulrike Wieduwilt, Anne Wiegandt, Klaus Wiegandt, Angela Winkler, Cord Wöhlke



Charlotte Krämer

Although no longer active as a freelance professional, Charlotte Krämer maintains close ties to the business community, not least as a responsible founder concerned with questions beyond the financial development of her grant-making foundation Liebieghaus.

A dedicated patron of the arts who has been devoted since childhood to the sculpture collection of the Liebieghaus and the long tradition of civic involvement in her native city of Frankfurt/Main, she is passionate about reading newspapers, including the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

A review of the volume of the second colloquium "Humankind and cosmos" made her aware of the activities of the foundation Forum für Verantwortung, and since then she has been one of the most steadfast attendees of the series of colloquiums.

In her case, it is not retrospection—even if her inimitable, cheery sense of self-irony when recounting the events of the 20th century as an contemporary witness captivates listeners—but her animated open-mindedness with a view to the present and especially the future which makes her an unconventional and fascinating grande dame with a passion for debate.

Since the 2005 colloquium "The future of the Earth—How much more can our planet take?" she has not only been convinced of the urgency of sustainability, but has actively supported the activities of Forum für Verantwortung with a personal, very generous donation. Charlotte Krämer does not consider her activities in the fields of culture and sustainability as contradictory, but as investments in making our society fit for the future—and for this I would like to thank her warmly.

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