



Dr. Anke Frieling elected new Chair of ISH's Board of Directors

(Hamburg, 4 December 2014) Changeover in the Board of Directors of the International School of Hamburg (ISH): After a six-year tenure, Jens Loff decided not to run again for Chairman. His successor is Dr. Anke Frieling, who was elected unanimously by the members of the Board.

Dr. Frieling's new position was preceded by many years of dedicated work as a parent member of the Board. "The school is well prepared for the future. We intend to open up further to local communities and to make our profile and quality even more visible to them. ISH is not just a regular private school. It's an economic factor for the City of Hamburg because without appealing accredited international schools like ours companies will find it difficult to attract skilled foreign workers", explains Frieling on the occasion of her election. The fact that several new international schools were set up successfully in Frankfurt and Berlin over the last few years demonstrates their overall importance.

In a review of the developments during his tenure, the former Chair Jens Loff, Managing Director of Nordlicht Management Consultants, focused on the achieved economic consolidation, advances in the academic offering as well as rising student numbers. "ISH is a very lively and dynamic organization that takes its creed "students first" very seriously. With my successor Anke Frieling as its new Chair the Board is in good hands."

During a farewell celebration in Hamburg's Chamber of Commerce, Head of School Andreas Swoboda thanked Loff for his efforts and praised: "Jens Loff accompanies our work in a constructive manner without shying away from controversial discussions. Important developments and projects such as the West Wing construction were realized during his tenure. As such he does not only stand for enthusiasm, engagement and energy, but also for results."

The Board of Directors of the non-profit supporting association behind the International School of Hamburg (ISH) consists of eleven members, who are elected for a period of two years. The Board consists of parent, non-parent (i.e. external) and staff representatives of various nationalities. The Board comes together several times per year to discuss important developments and financial issues pertaining to the school.

International School of Hamburg (ISH)

ISH was Germany's very first international school and still remains Hamburg's only educational institution accredited by the Council of International Schools. For more than half a century it is dedicated to a full-day, English-language education of its students aimed at turning them into responsible citizens of the world who unfold their full potential. More than 750 young people from over 50 nations currently visit ISH. They are divided into the Early Childhood Centre (age 3 to 5), Junior School (grade 1 to 5) and Secondary School (grade 6 to 12). About 100 highly qualified teachers from all over the world support them on their way to the International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma), which enables them to enter leading national and international universities. Since ISH uses the globally standardized educational systems IPC and IB, its students are able to seamlessly resume their education at thousands of schools worldwide, if necessary.

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