

## Professor Berend Denkena becomes new President of the WGP



### Auf einen Blick

- ☑ Professor Berend Denkena elected WGP President 2018/19
- ☑ His focus: climate, academic teaching, cooperations
- ☑ WGP is an association of 64 production engineering professors

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**IFW | The Head of the Institute of Production Engineering and Machine Tools (IFW) has been the new President of the German Academic Society for Production Engineering (WGP) since 1 January 2018. One of his goals is to consider climate change more strongly in production technology.**

Professor Berend Denkena has been a member of the WGP for 15 years. He has been its vice-president until the end of 2017. On 1 January 2018, he took over the presidency from his predecessor Professor Eberhard Abele of TU Darmstadt, now heading the renowned and well-connected academic society for the next two years.

### Digitalisation, climate change, academic teaching

With regard to the central topic "Digitalisation of Production", "the WGP commitment is outstanding", says Denkena, finding altogether "functional and trendsetting structures and topics".

Asked about his personal goals for the next two years of his term of office, he mentions three issues that are particularly close to his heart: "As the president of this network, I would like to promote the development of excellent academic teaching; furthermore, I want to make sure that production technology contributes to the "2-degree climate target", and I would like to see us intensify our exchange with neighbouring academic societies".

### Association of production engineering professors

The German Academic Society for Production Engineering (WGP) is an association of leading German production engineering professors. 64 members from 37 university and Fraunhofer institutes represent some 2,000 scientists in production engineering.

Further information about the WGP can be found on [www.wgp.de/en](http://www.wgp.de/en).

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