

Press Release

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VDV announces change at the top of the Association

**Udo Harter has been appointed as new leader of the VDV –
Verband Deutscher Verkehrsfliegerschulen**

Udo Harter, Managing Director and Head of Training of the Südwestdeutsche Verkehrsfliegerschule FFH with training facilities in Stuttgart and Freiburg, has taken over the rotating presidency of the VDV. At the Association's annual general meeting he has been elected unanimously to lead the VDV for the next few years pursuant to the Articles of Association.

Harter, a founder member of the VDV in 1992, will succeed to the presidency of Christian Käufer. After seven years of successful lobbying, Käufer steps down from the helm of the Association. With Belinda Stöber, Managing Director of the Schwabenflug flight school, for the first time a woman has been elected deputy-president of the VDV. She succeeds Dr. Günter Kotzor, the former office holder. Both Harter and Stöber were installed during a membership meeting held on 5th October 2009.

The VDV represents the interests of those German flight schools carrying out ATPL training courses. It is the goal of the association to ensure a high quality cockpit training which meets the standards set by the European aviation industry.

"By combining and consolidating existing competencies and expertise in the area of pilot licensing our member schools provide high qualified and reputable training courses in Germany", emphasises the new president. Harter announced to build on his predecessor's accomplishments and to push the Association forward.

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