

ADeKo

There are approximately 20,000 German Alumni in Korea, and each year 5,500 Korean students study in Germany. About 800 university freshmen and young scientists depart annually to Germany, but how do these students and scientists stay in touch and capitalize on their German experiences following their return to Korea?

To this end, the German-Korean Alumni network (ADeKo) plays an important role as the main contact agency to connect Alumni who studied and conducted research in Germany.

Following its motto of "Connecting – Strengthening – Advancing", ADeKo promotes German-Korean relations in the fields of politics, economics, science and technology, as well as culture and the fine arts.

MISSION

Our Mission is ...

1. To promote the interests of existing Alumni associations
2. To strengthen the awareness of the acquired European expertise of its members throughout Korean society
3. To support and promote German-Korean research collaboration between the public and industrial sectors
4. To provide a platform for the exchange and discussion of intercultural experiences
5. To support young scientists and companies with acquiring the best research personnel
6. To continue to develop and expand the ADeKo website
7. To continue expanding the existing Alumni database to include more contacts (currently 6,000 entries)



Photo of the TSB-ADeKo Berlin-Seminar in Berlin in October 2008

HISTORY

Following a preparation period of not even two years, ADeKo's official inauguration took place in May 2008, with the aim to concentrate the interests of more than 49 German Alumni Associations. For years many alumni had expressed their wish to build a stronger network, so that the BMBF met their wish by providing funding while the German Embassy in Seoul and the DAAD Seoul also supported the project.

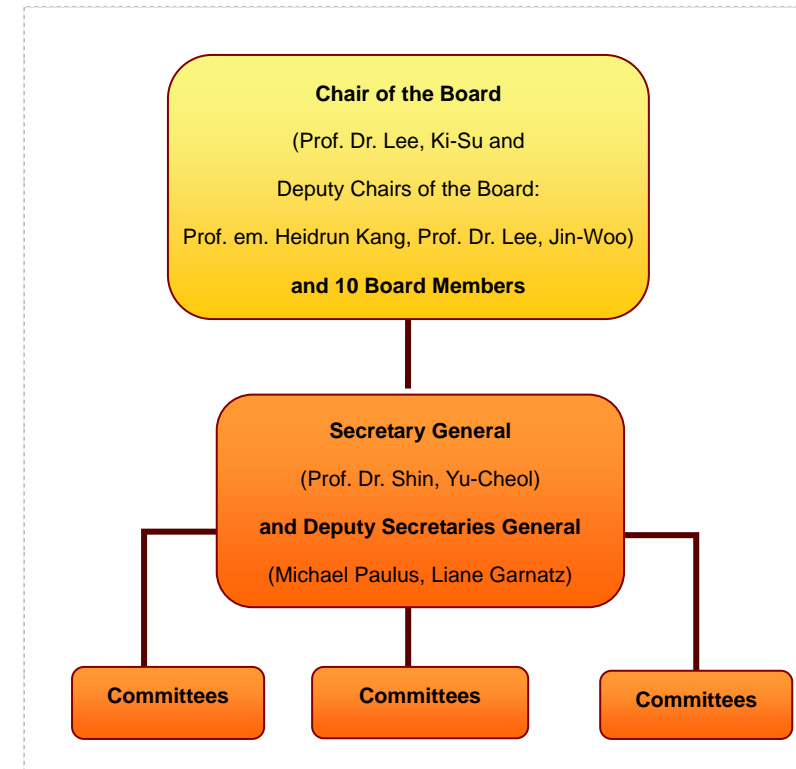
At the beginning of the project, Ambassador H.E. Dr. Norbert Baas and Prof. Dr. Lee, Chun-Sik (KIST) were appointed as patrons. After the foundation, the Korean Ambassador H.E. Moon, Tae-Young and H.E. Dr. Hans-Ulrich Seidt, as well as the DAAD President, were appointed as ex officio Members of the Board. ADeKo consists of its members, the Alumni Associations, and the individuals who elect the Board -- consisting of 10 representative members. Scientific expert committees, as well as issue-related committees, will support the Board with its duties.

Prof. Dr. Lee, Ki-Su, President of Korea University, was elected as the first Chairman of the Board Prof. em.. Heidrun Kang and Prof. Dr. Lee, Jin-Woo will support him as Deputy Chairmen. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Shin, Yu-Cheol was elected as Secretary General.



(Members of the Board at the ADeKo foundation conference in May 2008: f.l.t.r. Prof. Dr. Lee, Ki-su, Dr. Lee, Chun-Shik, Prof. em. Heidrun Kang, Prof. Dr. Lee, Jin-Woo, Prof. Dr. Lee, Inn-Ung, Prof. Dr. Shin, Yu-Cheol)

ORGANIZATION



EVENTS

Upcoming Event in October 2010

- 2nd ADeKo Symposium "Paths to an Enhanced and Advanced Society" with the topic: Science Policy in the 21st Century
Panel 1: Higher education systems and labor market
Panel 2: Funding of universities and research institutions
Organizer: ADeKo, DAAD Seoul

Previous Events

- 1st ADeKo Conference "Paths to an Enhanced and Advanced Society" (Oct 2009)
Panel 1: Freedom of Press and Speech in the Era of Multi Media
Panel 2: The Roles of Science and Technology in the Globalization Process
Panel 3: Economies and Financial Systems in Times of Crisis
Organizer: ADeKo, DAAD Seoul
- 2nd Hangang Tour (Networking Gathering – Dec 2008)
Organizer: ADeKo, DAAD Seoul
- TSB-ADeKo Berlin Seminar (Sep 2008)
Organizer: Technologiestiftung Berlin (TSB), ADeKo, DAAD Seoul, BMBF
- ADeKo Foundation Conference with the election of the 1st ADeKo Board at the Korea University (May 2008)
Organizer: German Embassy Seoul, BMBF, DAAD Seoul
- 1st German-Korean Night of Science and Technology at the Korea University (May 2008)
Organizer: German Embassy Seoul, BMBF, DAAD Seoul
- 1st Hangang Tour (Networking Gathering – Dec 2007)
Organizer: German Embassy Seoul, DAAD Seoul

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