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### Professional association of "German Researchers and Archive Producers e.V." (GRAP) founded in Berlin

GRAP now represents the interests of researchers and archive producers in Germany

Berlin, 15 September 2022 - Today, the professional association of "German Researchers and Archive Producers e.V." (GRAP) was founded in Berlin. The main purpose of the association is to safeguard, maintain and promote the professional and economic interests of all researchers and archive producers working in Germany.

The founding members of GRAP are: Thorben Bockelmann, Tatjana Bonnet, Vanessa Christoffers-Trinks, Céline Deligny, Eva Diet, Karin Fritzsche, Janne Gärtner, Themi Linn Hahn, Monika Preischl, Michael Konstabel, Stephen Maier, Julian Nindl, Lutz Pinkert, Linn Sackarnd and Marco Siebler.

Michael Konstabel, Julian Nindl and Monika Preischl were elected as board members.

The association has set itself the task of shaping the future of the profession on a common platform, facilitating exchange within the professional group and thus promoting cross-sector networking amongst German researchers and archive producers.

. A central representation of members' interests vis-à-vis producers and broadcasters in the television, film and audiovisual sector is becoming increasingly important due to the growing complexity in which research and rights clearance experts operate on a national and international level, also with regard to the growing challenges of legal regulations.

Over the next few months, GRAP will be holding events to give people the opportunity to get to know the association and to make contacts within the profession.

As a first highlight, the association will present their launch on the October, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 during the DOK ARCHIVE MARKET at DOK Leipzig (17 - 23 October 2022), where the newly founded association will introduce itself and present concrete next steps of the association's work.

For more information, please visit [www.germanarchiveproducers.de](http://www.germanarchiveproducers.de) (coming soon).

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