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Vote in the Council of the German Physical Society

AGSOE becomes a division

MEMBERS' NEWS

MAGDA SCHIEGL

has been appointed to be full professor at the Cologne University of Applied Sciences in October. She will hold a chair in detriment and risk management.

DUNCAN WATTS

wins the Award in Socio- and Econophysics 2009.

DIRK HELBING

becomes External Professor of the Santa Fe Institute.

TOBIAS PREIS

was accepted as a member of the Gutenberg Academy of Young Scientists.

ANNUAL SPRING MEETINGS

DPG Spring Meeting of the Condensed Matter Section with participation of the Physics of Socio-Economic Systems Division

2010 REGENSBURG

March 21 – 26, 2010

2011 DRESDEN

March 13 – 18, 2011

2012 BERLIN

March 4 – 9, 2012

The working group on Physics of Socio-Economic Systems (AGSOE) has been promoted to be a division of the German Physical Society (DPG), starting October 1, 2009. With this upgrade comes a vote in the Council of the DPG as well. Thus, the division Φ ·SOE reaches the highest possible level of recognition and influence inside the DPG, represented by its chairman Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing and his deputy chairpersons Dr. Jörg Reichardt and Dr. Johannes J. Schneider. Our [website](#) has been updated accordingly, and our logo has been redesigned in order to reflect the change from a working group „AG“ to a division (Fachverband FV) of the German Physical Society. The DPG is symbolized by a Φ for Physics.

Hence, Φ ·SOE stands for the DPG division

Physics of Socio-Economic Systems, spoken „division so'e“ or „fi'so'e“.

This upgrade to a division under the umbrella of the DPG marks an extraordinary highlight in the history of our activities, which started in March 2001. The roots of our group can be traced back to sessions focussed on econophysics organized by the division Dynamics and Statistical Physics (DY) at the DPG Spring Meeting in 2001, which was held in Hamburg. After these sessions, the founding members elected Prof. Dr. Dr. Frank Schweitzer to be chairman and Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing to be the deputy chairman in a special constitutive meeting. Now, roughly 8 years after its foundation, the Φ ·SOE reaches the same standing as all the established physics divisions, e.g. Dynamics and Statistical Physics or Biological Physics.



The Φ ·SOE further aims at the application and progression of physical methods for the analysis, modeling, simulation, and optimization of socio-economic systems.

In the course of years, there was a continuously increasing interest in the sessions on physics of socio-economic systems at the Spring Meetings of the DPG – not only by Germany-based scientists. Already our last meeting in Dresden hosted 75 contributions of our overall 258 members — a large fraction came from non-German European Countries. The Φ ·SOE will support this

growing tendency towards internationalization and cover emerging research topics in interdisciplinary physics as well.

Efforts will be

made to intensify the international collaboration and exchange, e.g. by introducing international contact points.

Exchange and information system Website of the Φ ·SOE

The internet presence of Φ ·SOE, which can be reached by following to our site on <http://www.dpg-physik.de>, provides detailed information about the scope and activities of our division. One can find up-to-date information about upcoming conferences, workshops, and summer schools related to Φ ·SOE's research topics. Furthermore, open positions, of which we get knowledge, are collected to support academic projects and careers in our field. Last but not least, you are encouraged to send us upcoming news and ideas. The success of our division depends on the active participation of its members.

