Press release

de-RSE association founded in Berlin

The German community of Research Software Engineers finally has a new home: On Monday, 26th November 2018, the association **de-RSE e.V. - Gesellschaft für Forschungssoftware** was founded at the Interdisciplinary Laboratory Image Knowledge Gestaltung at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

The community now has a framework to bundle all its activities around research software. During the inaugural meeting, the 21 participants discussed and passed the association charter and its bylaws.

They further elected the six members of the association board, who went on to initiate the formal registration with the register of associations of Berlin.
The founding board consists of Frank Löffler (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, chairperson), Daniel Nüst (University of Münster, deputy chairperson), Stephan Janosch (Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics Dresden, treasurer), Martin Hammitzsch (German Research Centre for Geosciences Potsdam, deputy treasurer), Bernadette Fritzsch (Alfred Wegener Institute Bremerhaven, secretary), und Stephan Druskat (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Friedrich Schiller University Jena, deputy secretary).

Aims of the newly founded association include an improvement in the perception of the crucial role of software for research as well as the people that develop and maintain this software. This also involves the promotion of a professionalization of software development and the required training curricula for young researchers, and the establishment of dedicated career paths for Research Software Engineers in Germany. The association is part of the international network of RSE associations.

You can find more information on the association website at https://www.de-rse.org.
The board is happy to answer your questions, please address them to vorstand@de-rse.org.

Suggested caption: *Inaugural board of the German association of Research Software Engineers, "de-RSE e.V. - Gesellschaft für Forschungssoftware". From left to right: Stephan Janosch (Treasurer), Daniel Nüst (Deputy Chair), Frank Löffler (Chair), Bernadette Fritzsch (Secretary), Martin Hammitzsch (Deputy Treasurer), Stephan Druskat (Deputy Secretary).*
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