

CURRENT INFORMATION AT A GLANCE



DEUTSCHE KAUTSCHUK-  
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## The DKG – Industry Platform and Innovation Driver

In 1926, rubber chemists and engineers in Düsseldorf founded a scientific society: the German Rubber Society. Its goal was to promote the exchange of ideas for the benefit of the entire rubber industry.

Much has changed in the nearly 100 years since its founding. Our core mission, however, has not changed. The DKG offers a platform for experts from research, development and industry that is unique in Germany. They come together in regional groups, working groups and at events, discuss problems and work together to find realistic and usable solutions.

For individuals who are at the beginning of their careers, the DKG organises seminars in collaboration with the German Institute of Rubber Technology. We provide support for young scientists in the form of promotional awards and scholarships. Our Rubber Hall of Fame gives honour to outstanding achievements throughout a persons career.

The DKG is also an innovation driver for the industry as a member of the German Federation of Industrial Research Associations "Otto von Guericke" e. V. (AiF). With have already implemented numerous community research projects whereby funding was received from federal level.

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 "The founding idea of the DKG is more topical than ever. Especially in times of information overload, we urgently need platforms for direct professional and personal exchange."  
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**Dr. H.-Martin Issel, Chairman of the Executive Board**

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## “Rubber sticks” - the German Rubber Society as an industry family

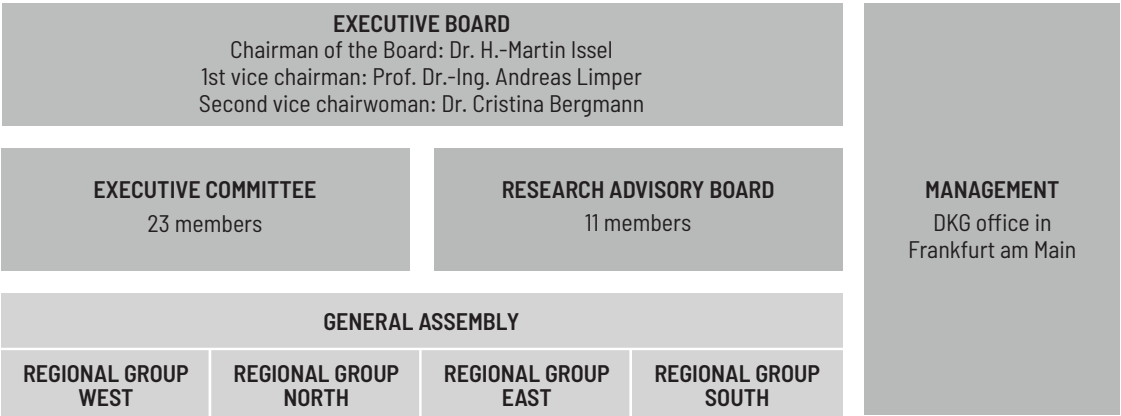
We have approximately 1,000 personal members who come from all sectors of the rubber industry. Our members' expertise ranges from students and professionals at the beginning of their careers to renowned scientists and industry leaders. An essential feature of our professional society is that there is an almost family-like atmosphere. The atmosphere is extremely friendly and constructive. Many members have known each other for years, and colleagues have become friends.

As a non-profit association, DKG is supported from the personal commitment of each individual. In a time of “multiple crises” we are dealing with challenges such as lack of raw materials, high energy costs, shortages of skilled persons, increasing regulations and more. A strong network with direct contacts as key “nodes” is therefore more important than ever. Together we can address and actively manage these issues.



# The DKG – Organizational chart and organization

ORGANISATIONAL CHART DEUTSCHE KAUTSCHUK-GESELLSCHAFT E.V.



You can find all information about your contact persons on our homepage.

## Expert2Expert – Exchange on an equal footing

Natural rubber becomes robust, flexible, and functional through the interaction with other substances. Molecules connect, bridges are formed, and the structure is altered. This can also be applied to the actors in our industry. Experts from research, technology, and business bring their respective expertise and experience. Theory and practice come together. Different perspectives and approaches enable innovative processes.

In the regional groups, personal contact is possible without extensive travel. Issues of relevance to the region can also be discussed there. Each regional group organises two conferences per year.

Our working groups and networks are dedicated to specific areas of expertise, interests or stakeholders. Here our members discuss topics such as rubber rheology, mixing technology, university and young talent or the advancement of women.

In addition to our annual conference, we organise the German Rubber Conference (DKT) in Nuremberg every three years with an associated international trade fair. This is where the entire industry family meets.



## Figures. Data. Facts.\*

Around **1,000** personal memberships

More than **100** corporate memberships

**4** Regional groups

Annual organisation of **at least 9** scientific conferences

Since its foundation over **300** conferences have been organised

Over the past 20 years, more than

**30** joint research projects have been initiated

Annual turnover of **approx. 1.3 million euros** in research funds

Just under **5,000** visitors from **51** nations at the DKT

\* Status 2023

## Excellent achievements

### Young talent awards

With the DKG award, DKG honours students for outstanding bachelor's and master's theses, as well as voluntary commitment during their studies. The Dissertation Award is awarded annually for an excellent dissertation on a rubber or elastomer topic.

### Industrial Community Research (IGF)

As a member of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft industrieller Forschungsvereinigungen "Otto von Guericke" e. V., DKG serves as the link for applying for federal funding. The focus is on application, material development, sustainability, testing and characterisation, simulation and modelling, and processing of rubber and other elastomers.

### Own resources research

Currently, the DKG supports three universities with an annual lump sum of 13,500 euros each.

### Funding Scholarships

Selected research with general relevance to the rubber industry is funded with a two-year scholarship.

### Rubber Hall of Fame

We want to honour and showcase exceptional achievements in our industry. The DKG awards three different medals to individuals who have achieved outstanding results in research, technology, and application.



## With joint forces

Almost 1,000 personal members and more than 100 companies make our scientific professional society a powerful platform. Through collective reflection, discussion, and deliberation, the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts. Inspiring others and making progress oneself is a motivation for everyday work. A strong "industry family" provides support during challenging times.

### FIVE GOOD REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER

#### You ...

- ... are part of Germany's only rubber industry network,
- ... can take part in all DKG events at special conditions,
- ... are invited to all regional group conferences, working groups, and network meetings,
- ... have access to the protected member area of the DKG,
- ... receive the DKG eNews monthly.

**Good to know: Membership is free for students.**  
**Become a member right away!**



You can find our membership application here





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