

# The 2005 Annual Meeting of the German Near and Middle East Association (Nah- und Mittelost-Verein / NuMOV)

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Joachim Hörster, Member of the German Parliament (left), and Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, Deutsche Bahn ProjektBau GmbH



Hartmut Mehdorn, Chairman of the Board, Deutsche Bahn AG



Dr. Peter Klaus, Member of the Board of KfW banking group

On June 27, the 2005 Annual Meeting of the German Near and Middle East Association (NuMOV) was held at the Deutsche Bahn office tower on Potsdamer Platz in Berlin.

**Hartmut Mehdorn**, Chairman of the Board of Deutsche Bahn AG, the German railway operator, gave a brief account of the global orientation of the corporate group. Deutsche Bahn has undergone significant reforms during recent years, preparing the company to become a leading international railway and logistics service provider. According to Hartmut Mehdorn, the railway sector witnesses a worldwide renaissance. In the Near and Middle East,



Dr. Karl-Ernst Brauner, Director General and Head of Department Foreign Economic Policy, Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour

the railway and logistics sectors offer huge opportunities due to high oil and gas revenues, growing economies and increasing urbanisation.

This year's Annual Meeting decided on matters concerning the Board of the Association and the Articles of Association. After eight years as Chairman of the German Near and Middle East Association, **Werner Schoeltzke**, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of MAN Fer-



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**German Near and Middle East Association**

*New Chairman of the Board*



**Martin Bay**  
(Dipl.-Phys., Dipl.-Wirt.-Phys.)  
Chief Executive Officer,  
DB ProjektBau GmbH  
Berlin, Germany  
Born in 1947 in Heidelberg, Ger-

many he graduated in physics and economics.

He has a professional infrastructure related background of 26 years in engineering, contracting, project development and consultancy in domestic and international assignments, now working as CEO of DB ProjektBau, one of the the largest railway infrastructure management engineering firms in Europe overseeing a construction volume of approx. 4 billion Euro per year. DB ProjektBau belongs to Deutsche Bahn AG, the leading German logistics and railway group.

In addition Martin Bay holds functions in supervisory boards and is a member of various professional organizations in the engineering and infrastructure sector.

*New Deputy Chairman of the Board*



**Dr. Peter Klaus**  
Member of the Board,  
KfW banking group  
Frankfurt,  
Germany  
Born in 1944 in Guben/Niederlausitz, he finished his education as qualified bank clerk at

Deutsche Bank AG in Aaalen and completed afterwards his studies of economics at the university of Erlangen-Nürnberg with his doctorate.

He joined KfW in 1972 and has been a member of the board of KfW banking group since 1999, responsible for export and project financing and restructuring of dishonoured credits. In addition he is speaker of the board of managing directors of KfW IPEX-Bank since 2004.

Dr. Peter Klaus holds functions in several advisory boards.

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rostaal Industrieanlagen GmbH, resigned to concentrate on his numerous other duties. Under his chairmanship the Association experienced an impressive revival and



*Joachim Hörster, Member of the German Parliament*

*Rainer Fuess, Managing Director, Benteler Automobiltechnik GmbH*

Werner Schoeltzke will continue to serve NuMOV as Member of the Board of the Association.

As his successor, **Martin Bay**, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, Deutsche Bahn ProjektBau GmbH, one of the largest railway infrastructure management engineering firms in Europe, was elected by the General Meeting. Martin Bay spent a considerable part of his professional life in the Near and Middle East

sustained success. Based on his wide experience, he backed innumerable NuMOV events. He always supported NuMOV's management with great engagement and commitment. Thus he gained much recognition as NuMOV-Chairman. With his expertise



*from left to right: Wilfried H. Graf, Member of the Board, Arab Bank AG, Dr. Henryk Frystacki, Executive Vice-President, Siemens AG, Hartmut Mehdorn, Chairman of the Board, Deutsche Bahn AG*



*Thomas Dautzenberg, Junge Union Deutschlands (left), and Eberhard Schanze, Federal Foreign Office*

region. Since 2000, he has been a Member of the Board of the German Near and Middle East Association.

Furthermore, two co-opted board members were proposed for election. The General Meeting elected **Joachim Hörster**, Member of the German National

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Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Arab countries and **Dr. Henryk Frystacki**, Executive Vice-President, Siemens AG, as new board members. **Dr. Peter Klaus**, Member of the Board of KfW banking group, was elected as new Deputy Chairman of the Board.



from left to right: **Dr. Peter Klaus**, Member of the Board of KfW banking group, **Wilfried H. Graf**, Member of the Board, Arab Bank AG, **Rainer Fuess**, Managing Director, Benteler Automobiltechnik GmbH, **Werner Schoeltzke**, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, MAN Ferrostaal Industrieanlagen GmbH

As suggested by the Board of the Association the General Meeting also decided on some amendments to the Articles of Association including the extension of ordinary membership to Non-European organisations.



**Alexander Rieper**, Chairman of the Board, Junior Section of the German Near and Middle East Association

On behalf of **Jens-Ove Stier**, the treasurer of the Association, Martin Bay presented a highly satisfactory balance sheet. Furthermore, he pointed to a substantial increase in the number of new members. Reporting on the activities of the Association since the last General Meeting he highlighted some of the numerous events. In September 2004, Dr. Peter Klaus led an outstanding business delegation to Turkey. The delegation was organised by NuMOV on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour. Giving a short summary of the delegation, Dr. Klaus underlined the great economic potential of Turkey and the willingness to cooperate with German companies.

On the occasion of the "Rebuild Iraq 2005", NuMOV organised a business delegation to Jordan in the beginning of the year. The delegation, led by



**Hartmut Mehdorn**, Chairman of the Board, Deutsche Bahn AG

extensive delegation program. The participants of the delegation had the opportunity to get a first-hand impression of the situation in the country and to explore possible fields of cooperation.

A three-day 'Think Tank' seminar on Near and Middle East issues was organised from 24 to 26 June 2005 in Berlin by the Junior Section of NuMOV in cooperation with Tönissteiner Kreis and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. It was the first event under the Chairmanship of **Alexander Rieper**, who followed Jan Rübél as Chairman of NuMOV's Junior Section.



from left to right: **Willy Rellecke**, Senior Consultant, German Near and Middle East Association, **Jürgen Sander**, Managing Director, VEM motors GmbH, **Klaus Rollenhagen**, Managing Director, Verband Beratender Ingenieure, and members of the German Near and Middle East Association

**Peter F. Mayr**, Managing Director of Terramar GmbH, provided several excellent opportunities to meet business executives, representatives of ministries and other official organisations from Iraq and Jordan.

In May 2005, NuMOV organised a business delegation to Afghanistan. **Dr. Karl-Ernst Brauner**, Director General and Head of Department Foreign Economic Policy at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour, who had led the German delegation to Afghanistan, reported on the

Looking ahead, **Helene Rang**, CEO of the German Near and Middle East Association, announced several business delegations, which NuMOV is preparing. Delegations to Iran, Israel and Pakistan will take place in the second half of 2005 on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour. A business delegation to the United Arab Emirates will follow in the beginning of 2006. While covering all relevant fields of economic cooperation, this delegation will focus on IT and security technology. ●