

Welcome Chalmers!

As of 2014, Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg joins the IDEA League network with the partners TU Delft, ETH and RWTH Aachen.

Chalmers University of Technology was founded in 1829 and is named after the major benefactor, William Chalmers, one of the directors of the successful Swedish East India Company in Gothenburg. Today, the university has around 10.000 students and 2.650 employees and stands for excellence in research and education combined with a focus on sustainable development. Chalmers areas of advancement are Built Environment, Energy, Information and Communication Technology, Life Science, Material Science, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Productions and Transport.

Karin Markides, President and CEO of Chalmers states „Our goal is to focus on competence, knowledge and collaboration in order to play an important, demonstrable role in social development. Our role has a local, national and global perspective, and the overall goal is to contribute to a genuine conversion of society in accordance with our vision for Chalmers – a sustainable future.“

The IDEA League welcomes Chalmers as a new partner and is looking forward to joint activities. In April, the student bodies of the IDEA League universities will start their cooperation with a meeting of IDEALISTIC, the association of student unions. On the agenda are higher education policies and student mobility.

Forthcoming Meetings

27 Feb 2014: OB meeting at TU Delft

28 Mar 2014: JBM at TU Delft

11-13 Apr 2014: IDEASTIC at RWTH Aachen

Jul-Sep 2014: Summer school programme

10 Oct 2014: JBM at ETH, 15th anniversary of IDEA League



Ernst Schmachtenberg is the new President of the IDEA League

On 1 January 2014, Ernst Schmachtenberg, Rector of RWTH Aachen, took over the presidency of IDEA League from Ralph Eichler, President of ETH, who served for the term 2012-2013. "I would like to thank my predecessor for his work and commitment on behalf on the IDEA League. Over the past two year he has given the network a stronger profile by adding a focus on sustainability to the agenda, giving full support to the Doctoral School, and last but not least, initiating the membership for Chalmers University. I will continue along these lines, with a goal to advance the interests of the IDEA League partners and to emphasize the role of universities of science and technology in Europe as leaders in innovation. "

Ernst Schmachtenberg is a Professor for polymer technology. He serves as the Rector of RWTH Aachen since 2008, and has been the President of the TU9 network of technical universities in Germany for 2010-2013.

