

New German Working Group Bundles EMF Science Issues to Provide Public Information and Advisory Functions

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THE WORKING GROUP

In January 2010, the Scientific Institute for Infrastructure and Communication Services GmbH (WIK) has launched the Working Group „EMF & Environment“ to provide clear up-to-date and background information as well as effective communications on research about the potential health effects of EMF and its interaction with the environment, mainly focused on RF EMF. The work is encouraged and backed by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.



The working group from left to right:
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The **goal** is to offer an array of sound information and communication services about research activities, public discussion, and expert assessment of potential effects of electromagnetic fields to relevant actors and to the public.

CORE TASKS

- **Monitoring of the national and international EMF research and debate**
- **Information, communication, and networking activities.**

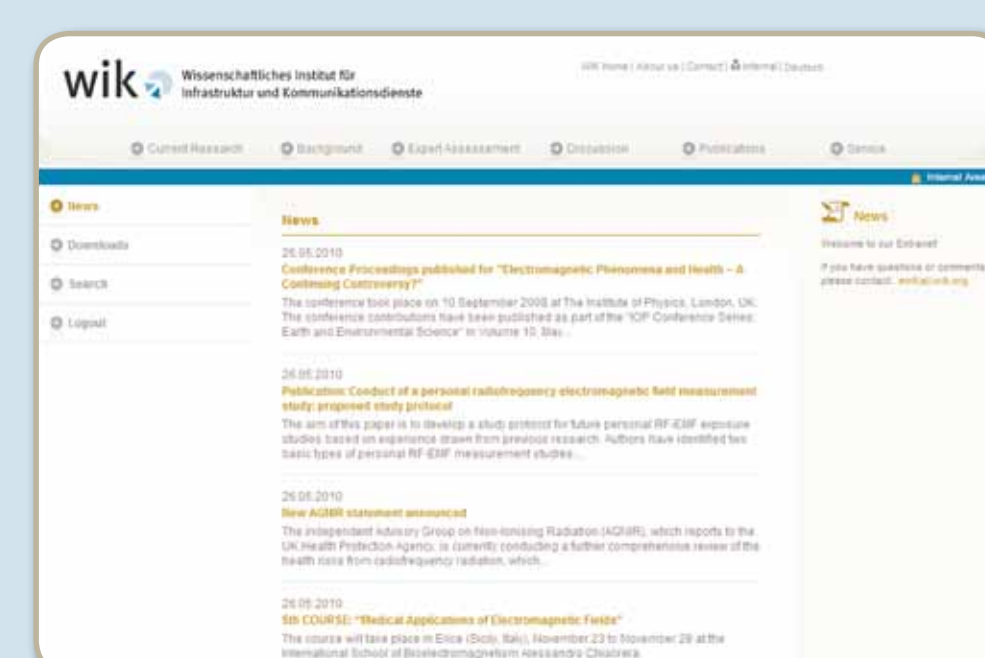
Dr. Karl-Heinz Neumann, Managing Director of WIK GmbH, formulated the mission of the EMF working group as follows: *“With this commitment WIK provides a valid and scientifically based information source for a balanced discourse. We also want to make a well-founded contribution to the controversial discussion about possible EMF-effects on the environment that is going on for years.”*

OUR SERVICES AT A GLANCE:

- ▶ Observing, analyzing, and evaluating scientific research results and public discussion,
- ▶ Systematic knowledge acquisition and documentation,
- ▶ Prompt information of general public and experts about current developments and supply of background information,
- ▶ Promotion of networking, cooperation, and information exchange amongst all interested parties
- ▶ Supply of know-how and advice as a service provider for all interested parties,
- ▶ Organisation of scientific workshops and information events
- ▶ Design and performance of studies on risk communication

We will provide services and advisory functions to all those who in some way are involved in the EMF debate, and have diverse needs for support. In particular, the Working Group “EMF & Environment” is a point of contact and a cooperative partner for those who have lost a valuable platform formerly provided by the FGF (Forschungsgemeinschaft Funk e.V.) The group’s independence and expertise make it a key contact for different parties searching for reliable information and advice in the field of EMF science.

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR OUR CLIENTS

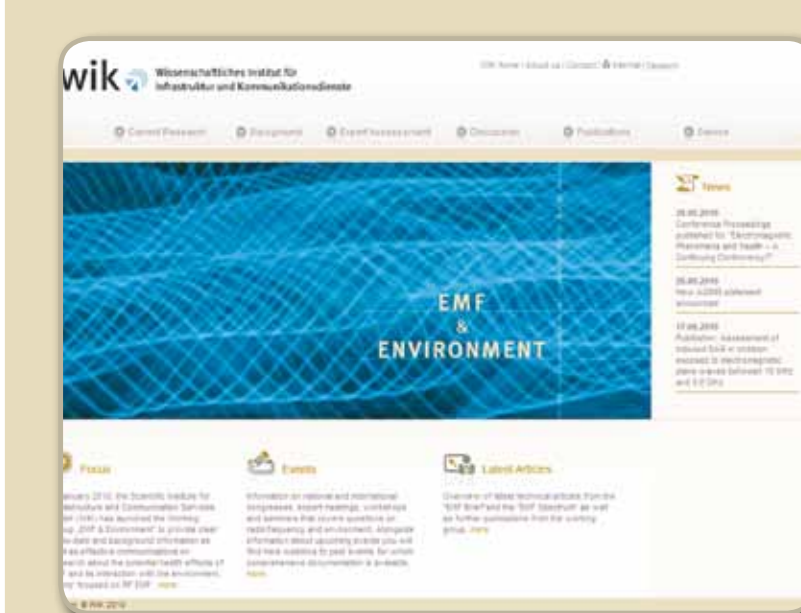


For our clients, we provide an online information center that includes:

- a **news service** on a daily basis and
- a **structured knowledge collection** with background documents, original documents, expert comments, media contributions, summaries, etc.

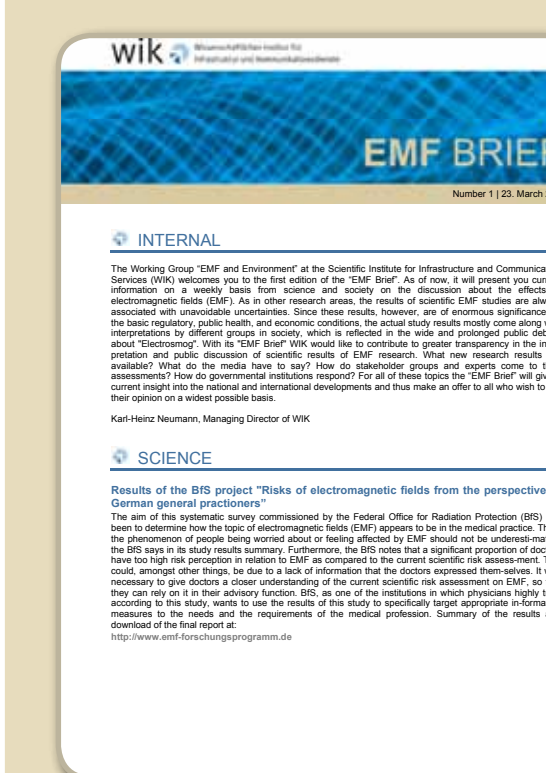
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFER

WEBSITE



Our website covers topics like “Current research”, “Research background”, “Expert assessment”, “Public discussion”, and “Publications”. It is the “face” of the working group and provides basic information and many links to further reliable information sources.

EMF BRIEF



The „EMF Brief“ is our **weekly newsletter** with “briefings” on research news, evaluation results, public debate, technology, law, and event announcements. It is available online and by e-mail subscription. We offer German and English versions. Free subscription in the service section at www.wik-emf.org.

EMF SPECTRUM



The **quarterly journal** “EMF Spectrum” with topical international scientific author contributions and background information related to EMF topics can also be downloaded or subscribed free of charge at www.wik-emf.org. In the third quarter of 2010, the first number will be published in online and print versions.

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