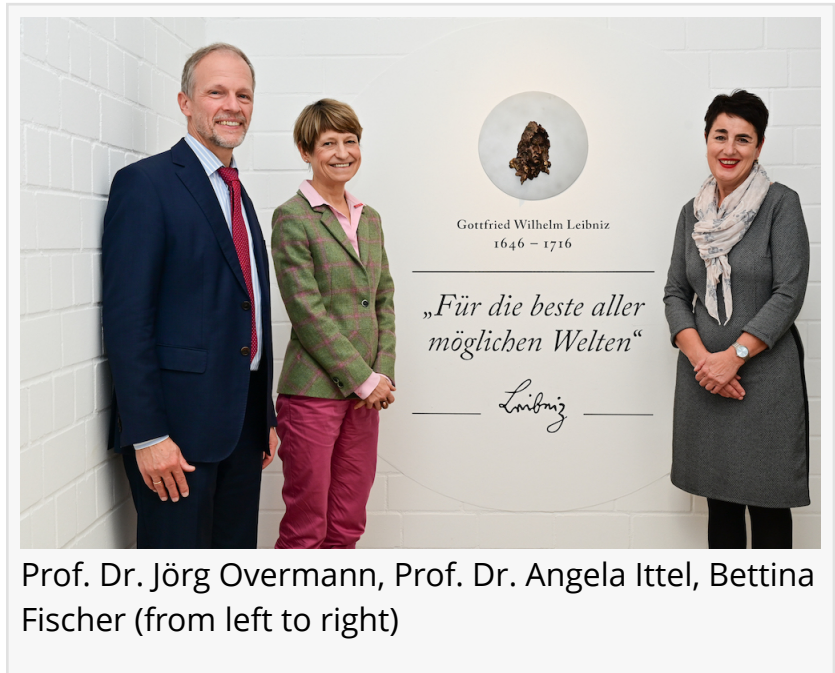


New President of TU Braunschweig visits Leibniz Institute DSMZ

Most diverse bioresource collection in the world welcomes Prof. Dr. Angela Ittel

BRAUNSCHWEIG, LOWER SAXONY, GERMANY, November 15, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Friday, 5 November 2021, the new President of the Technische Universität Braunschweig, Prof. Dr. Angela Ittel, visited the [Leibniz Institute DSMZ](#) -German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures GmbH on the Science Campus Braunschweig-Süd. During her two-hour inaugural visit, the TU President informed herself at the DSMZ about the main areas of work in the collection, research and services of the most diverse bioresource collection in the world.



Prof. Dr. Jörg Overmann, Prof. Dr. Angela Ittel, Bettina Fischer (from left to right)

In a discussion with the dual management of the DSMZ, Prof. Dr. Jörg Overmann and Bettina Fischer, and the Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the DSMZ, Prof. Dr. Dieter Jahn (Managing Director of the Institute of Microbiology of the TU Braunschweig), the TU President informed herself about the fundamental aspects of the Leibniz Institute and its work.

This was followed by discussions with the researchers who, in addition to their work at the DSMZ, are also appointed as professors at the TU: Dr Yvonne Mast, Dr Ulrich Nübel, Dr Michael Pester (all Institute of Microbiology) and Dr Laura Steenpaß (Institute of Zoology).

At the end of her inaugural visit to the DSMZ, Prof. Dr. Angela Ittel took a guided tour to learn about various areas such as the cultivation of bioresources, the sequencing unit and the fully automated ampoule warehouse. Many of the DSMZ's 79,000 bioresources are stored in this warehouse and distributed from there to researchers in more than 80 countries worldwide.

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