

# I. PREFACE

## *Vorwort*

This year 2011 was fully dominated with my negotiations and counter negotiations with several universities as well as Johannes Kepler University of Linz, respectively. Due to this situation, the investments and project proposals in Linz had been reduced to a minimum. After very intense negotiations, I have accepted in September 2011 the counter offer from the Johannes Kepler University Linz for staying in Linz and continuing our research further here. This has been made possible by the very generous support of Land Oberösterreich and Stadt Linz. Therefore, I want to acknowledge this great political interest in our science which is materialized in direct support of our investments in near future. Personally, I want to highlight the very constructive progress within the University, as headed by our Rector Prof. Richard Hagelauer, who is the architect of these successful counter negotiations.

In the end of 2011 we have started the renovation and expansion of our Institute, which is based on both material and man power enlargement and investment. LIOS will be continuing its successful science with new and large equipment as well as additional highly qualified personnel. Our research field will be the solar energy conversion using organic semiconductors as well as organic electronics in general. In addition to the photovoltaic solar energy conversion, we started large scale investment in the field of CO<sub>2</sub> recycling to synthetic fuels, using renewable energy. This field will be in future as important as the ongoing research on photovoltaics.

Within the Johannes Kepler University of Linz, there will be a focus on renewable energy storage and our Institute will contribute to this specialization of JKU with our ideas on “chemical energy storage”. The concerted action at JKU is conducted by the Energy Institute at the Johannes Kepler University (Prof. Horst Steinmüller) and supported by diverse industrial and public funds. Also close collaborations with Profactor in Steyr in this field of renewable energy storage have already started at the end of 2011.

Working together synergetically is the key to success!

Our partners and collaborations are thus, key to our success and we will continue these collaborations with new power and investments into our infrastructure.

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