



Executive Board

Briefanschrift: IG Metall Vorstand, 60519 Frankfurt am Main

International Conference “Changing Course for a Good Life”

Dear Sir or Madam

September 7th, 2012

Dear colleague

With a call to “change course”, which links an ecological restructuring of the economy with the expansion of life opportunities and the democratization of society, IG Metall - the German Industrial Union of Metalworkers - intends to add its own conceptual contribution to the broader social debate.

IG Metall's commitment to link ecological and social questions has a long tradition, dating back to the IG Metall Congress “Task for the Future: Quality of Life” held in Oberhausen in 1972, and the initial report by the Club of Rome entitled “The Limits to Growth” (which also appeared in 1972). The continuing exacerbation of global crises – both economic and ecological – makes clear that we must put a call to change course on our agenda with more urgency.

IG Metall is organizing an international conference to be held in Berlin from 5th-7th December 2012 at which we intend to promote and intensify the discussion of trade union positions. Conference delegates will discuss a new concept of progress for industrialized societies and alternative paths for development with representatives from politics, academia, environmental associations and business.

Let me cordially invite you to our conference. For further information, please refer to the enclosed material, including organizational notes, preliminary program, forum selection sheet and registration form.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Berlin.

Yours sincerely

Berthold Huber, President of IG Metall

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Berliner Congress Center (BCC), Alexanderstr. 11, 10178 Berlin

Organizational Notes

Refund of Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- IG Metall will cover all accommodation costs.- Please use the enclosed form to inform us about your arrival and departure dates so that we can make a hotel reservation for you.
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please note the number of participants is limited. Therefore completing the registration does not automatically guarantee your place.- Registered participants will receive a confirmation.- Deadline for both the registration and the panel/language selection is September 30th, 2012.
Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conference languages are English, German, French and Spanish on the first and third day.- French and Spanish interpretation will be available, but not for all fora on the second day.- Please indicate your preferred language for the interpretation on the enclosed form.
Forum Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please indicate your preferred forum based on the enclosed preliminary program.- Attention: please do not forget the language selection!
<p>For any questions regarding the conference please contact sarah.menacher@igmetall.de; Telefax: +49 69 66 93-80 2091</p>	