

***Candidate for Election to Solar Keymark Network Chairman, Oct. 2015  
if the “Solar Keymark internal regulations” will allow a re-election***

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**Dr. Harald Drück**

**Date of birth: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1966**

**Nationality: German**

**Current positions:**

- Head of “Research and Testing Centre for Solar Thermal Systems”, ITW, University of Stuttgart, a test laboratory accredited according to ISO 17025
- Director of Solar- und Wärmetechnik Stuttgart (SWT)

**Professional career and background**

Dr.-Ing. Harald Drück is a Mechanical Engineer who has been working at the Institute for Thermodynamics and Thermal Engineering (ITW), University of Stuttgart for more than 20 years. Since 1999 he is the head of the Research and Testing Centre for Solar Thermal Systems (TZS). His main research interests lie in the field of solar thermal technology focusing on advanced heating and cooling systems as well as thermal energy storage and the development of performance testing methods as well as energy efficient solar buildings. Harald Drück has authored or co-authored around 300 publications in the field of solar thermal energy and heat storage. He is convenor of several German and European working groups related to standardisation and testing of solar thermal systems and components such as the Solar Keymark Network, the Global Solar Certification Network and the Solar Certification Fund. With regard to education and knowledge transfer he globally acts as an advisor to several high-level organisations, is chairman or member of the scientific board of several conferences and workshops and teaches a highly successful post-graduate course on solar thermal energy at the University of Stuttgart. Furthermore he was one of the initiators of the German and European Solar Thermal Technology Platforms and is today a member of the steering committees of both platforms. Besides his activities at the University he is the director of SWT – Solar- und Wärmetechnik Stuttgart. SWT is a spin-off company of ITW and acts as a service provider in the field of solar thermal energy, e.g. by manufacturing test facilities for solar thermal collectors and systems as well as by consulting activities.

**Key qualifications and contributions to the Solar Keymark Network**

- Long term experience in the field of solar thermal technology
- Scientific as well as technical and commercial background as basis for the link between industry and science
- Active member of several working parties and committees such as IEA Tasks (39, 43, 44), CEN TC 312, European (ESTTP) and German (DSTTP) Technology Platform Steering Committee, Chairman of the Solar Keymark Network, the Solar Certification Fund and the Global Solar Certification Network
- Global contacts to stakeholders (researchers, manufacturers, politicians etc.)
- Multicultural and open-minded
- Board Member of ESTIF since 2009