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Berlin, Vienna, March 30th, The Interplanetary Database Association (IPDB), a non-profit dedicated to blockchain research, announces new board members and a new president of the board. The newly formed team will continue to focus on optimizing blockchain industry standards, specifically around the notary and registry functions of blockchains for device and identity metadata.

“We are excited to have a new board with now four new members in place – after two years of an extraordinary pandemic situation, which hasn’t been easy for many non-for profit research organizations. But now, with the diverse expertise and the commitment of our board, we aim to increase IPDB’s efforts and make the work that had taken place on the members’ level during the lockdown periods visible to the public and let the wider blockchain ecosystem benefit from it”, declares the incoming IPDB President Sebastian Becker. “We have built tools and are enabling capabilities around governance and secure and efficient metadata management, and we have seen the technology heritage from the BigchainDB code developed further by IPDB’s members and beyond”.

The IPDB Association is an international non-profit association located in Berlin. The IPDB Association’s mission is to advance the research of blockchain technology and decentralized governance for the benefit of society and to drive the adoption of blockchain technology and industrial and non-for-profit contexts.

IPDB also chose RIDDLE&CODE’s co-CEO John Calian as its new General Secretary of the board. He was still running for election while being independent, and has joined RIDDLE&CODE only recently. Calian had joined IPDB as a non-board member in 2018 when he was an SVP at Deutsche Telekom, where he led the Telekom Innovation Labs in Berlin.

“I am personally delighted to join such an organization dedicated to innovating in the field of blockchain and decentralization, and I look forward to serving on the board in the coming year,” said Calian, “I’m also very pleased that Jaromil is joining as a Member-at-Large to underline the technical contribution that Dyne.org is making as part of an existing partnership with IPDB members. Together with RIDDLE&CODE, Dyne.org and InfoCert, our organization contributes to the ongoing European Blockchain Services Partnership project, where the technology governed by IPDB is part of the architecture vying for European standardization.”

The new board members began their one-year terms mid December 2021. The board members are:

- **Mr. Sebastian Becker** (Munich), COO RIDDLE&CODE **as President**
- **Mr. John Calian** (Berlin), Co-CEO RIDDLE&CODE **as General Secretary**
- **Ms. Elfriede Sixt**, (Vienna) *[CPA]* **as Treasurer**
- **Dr. Denis “Jaromil” Roio**, Founder and CTO Dyne.org **as Member-at-Large**



To learn more about the IPDB board and read member bios, [click here](#).

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A distinct characteristic of the IPDB Association is its international membership base. Different from other associations, IPDB Association's members are the ultimate governance body which elects the management board on a bi-annual basis. Further, members do also operate the nodes that validate blocks and store data. The association's articles are accessible]

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