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Dear Reader,

Things are really moving in the commercial vehicle industry. Not that this sector has been in any state of hibernation until now, but new legislation requires renewed efforts in exhaust emissions control and the introduction of driver assistance systems. ATZ, just like its sister magazines ATZelextronik and MTZ, will reflect these developments and focus more strongly on commercial vehicles in the future – even beyond the main topics.

But this is by no means all of the common features shared by the three sister magazines. In future, we will pay more attention to examining topics across all three publications, and to interconnect the different perspectives in an optimum manner. For example, MTZ might take an in-depth look at a new engine, while ATZ examines its integration into the complete vehicle and ATZelextronik scrutinises the details of electrics/electronics, software and IT.

In addition, from 2013, every second issue of each specialist magazine will include a report as an editorial section to analyse topical issues. In this manner, Aston Martin celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2013, see the report in the German version of ATZ. And that's not all: there's plenty happening online too. Here, we will focus more intensively on technical road test reports and generally make sure that we are absolutely up to date.

Furthermore, our new platform "Springer for Professionals" will soon not only be offering the familiar topics from ATZonline but will also provide outstanding research possibilities that cover the entire network of our specialist book publications and technical articles of our publishing house.

Like to know more? There's no need to wait any longer. Take a look at this ATZ. There you will find an article by the TU Braunschweig that examines the model-based analysis of safety-enhancing measures, illustrated by the design of modern driver assistance systems. The functional safety that is necessary for this together with ISO 26262 for software development is the subject of an article by commercial vehicle manufacturer MAN in ATZelextronik 6.

Networked reading is an excellent idea. By not only reading ATZ but also looking at ATZelextronik and MTZ and of course making use of our online resources, you can be certain that you have the best possible access to interesting and important sources of information.

Best regards,

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