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Welcome to the Year 2021

The Kunststoffe editorial team is entering 2021 in a new constellation. As the new editor-in-chief, I will be greeting you here more often from now on. For the past six years, I was responsible for FORM+Werkzeug – also at Carl Hanser Verlag. During this period, I formed close ties with the mold and tooling sectors, where both metal processing and plastics play a major role. When I visited plastics trade shows, I was always fascinated by the sheer versatility of plastic: high tech, a functional element, lightweight engineering or as a design object. Now, I'm looking forward to diving deeper into this material. Previously, my reporting usually ended at the point where the



finished article drops out of the mold. But in future, the repertoire will be significantly wider.

So what is changing? You as a reader can be sure that we will continue to represent the amazing world of plastics. With many exclusive articles and in-depth information. Personally, I now face a steep learning curve. I want to guickly make contact with my "new world of plastics" and hope that, after phone calls and video conferences at first, I will soon be able to travel and make personal contacts again. My induction will be greatly eased by a competent team, which supports me in every respect. Since, as Michael Jordan so neatly put it: "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

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