



Dear Reader,

the past six months 2018 were exciting ones for us:

On May 25th, 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Commission (GDPR for short) entered into force. It replaced the EU Data Protection Directive from 1995. At the end of May the implementation caused a great deal of uproar and manpower in the companies. We too have dealt in detail with the new regulations and adapted the requirements.

On June 8th, 2018 we celebrated our 50th company anniversary with employees and their partners, alumni, suppliers and many further stakeholders. A festivity,

that remains in mind with pleasure to all of us.

Immediately following the festivity, the doors opened for the Achema in Frankfurt. It is the worldwide most important trade fair for the process industry. While the organizer had to take a small bitter pill because the number of visitors dropped by 13 %, the number of visitors at our stand was opposite. Compared to Achema 2015 we could record a significant increase by 19 %. This is very encouraging and shows, that Infastaub reaches the fair visitors with filtering technology.

Plant manufacturers and opera-

tors from 20 countries visited the Infastaub stand and discussed with our filter specialists solutions of different problems. 65 % of the trade visitors came from Germany.

Our next fair participation is from November 7th to 8th, 2018 at „Solids“ in Dortmund.

Cordially

Berthold Geppert



## Infa-Inside

### „Minion“ or super mini filter?

Their body reminds of the yellow plastic capsule of Kinder Surprise, however, they usually wear blue brace overalls, and they look around the world with one or two big round eyes. Of course, we talk about the Minions. Their fans know and love them as loyal servants who constantly look for a master. This is also the task of the newest development of Infastaub: reliable dedusting. What could be more appropriate than giving the filter unit the alias “Minion”?

The filter unit with the official type designation AJM 150 is just 17 cm in diameter, has a total height of 51 cm and is equipped with only

one filter bag. The version as non-cleanable secondary filter is labelled INF 150. The housing is made of stainless steel by default. On demand, it may be welded absolutely gap-free or two-sided, for applications of the chemical or pharmaceutical industry. A variation made of stainless steel is also available.

Due to the minimal construction height, the filter units can be installed in areas with height limitations that do not allow installation of other versions.

A chemical company has already ordered 70 pieces of the new generation “Minion”.



## 50th company anniversary with a great celebration

With a great party in the own production halls, Infastaub celebrated on June 8th its 50th company anniversary. 180 invited guests followed the invitation and partied until late at night.

Alphastaub was launched by Dr. Kraft-Dieter Kynast in November 1967 in Düsseldorf. Beginning of 1968 the company moved to Bad Homburg. This was the beginning of the present company Infastaub. „We don't know what Dr. Kynast dreamed of at that time“, says managing director Berthold Geppert, „but we see today how his ideas and dreams turned-out by work, enthusiasm and engagement of so many employees: a leading provider of filter plants, a troubleshooter for de-dusting tasks, a family business with strong values and a unique corporate culture.“

### The Infastaub history: tradition, innovations, change, passion

In a time, at the end of the 1960s when the atmosphere of renewal after the years of war didn't have the familiar dynamic anymore, when the postwar generation slowly grew up, when the 1968 movement revolted, this was the hour of birth of Infastaub. A time, when environmental protection, air pollution protection and filter technology probably just managed to be in a dictionary, but not into minds of responsible persons in industrial companies. In 1964 the very first tentative attempts regarding air pollution were made; the birth hour of the „TA-Luft“. The „Bundesimmissionsschutzgesetz“ became effective 10 years later.

The launch of Infastaub was marked by persuasion missions to sell a technology that just costs money but is worth nothing. It was possible at that time to blow up the dustladen air over the roof without any filter; high enough and far away from the own location. Infastaub approached these tasks with great

enthusiasm and diligence.

And as if it wasn't already difficult enough for a start-up, the fate struck the young company in 1970 with a slam. The company's founder Dr. Kynast died in a fatal accident. While many young companies that suffer such a fate, don't survive, the responsible acted very fast and targeted. They didn't just look for an investor who keeps the company solvent. They quickly realised that only a strategic partnership ensures future. A partner who not only has the necessary financial resources, but also brings along the competence for this business purpose. Intensiv-Filter from Velbert-Langenberg thus jointed the company in 1970.

The first years with the new owner were turbulent, exciting and characterised by extreme changes. For example also the question about the name rights „Alphastaub“ arose. An amicable settlement was found with Alfa Laval by renaming the company into „Infastaub“. Nevertheless the name „Alphastaub“ was in customer's mind until the 1990s.

### Responsibility for the location Bad Homburg

City councillor Lucia Lewalter-Schoor highlighted in her speech the significance and importance of Infastaub for the location Bad Homburg. „More than 80 percent of all jobs are office workplaces. It is therefore a major concern of Bad Homburg to have medium-sized production companies in the city.“

Infastaub also expresses its solidarity to the city by its civic engagement. Last year a sport sponsoring competition was announced. Sport clubs from the surrounding who are engaged especially by child and youth work, received a financial support worth 10.000 EUR in total.

„It is important for us to give so-

mething back to Bad Homburg in our anniversary year,“ says Berthold Geppert. „That's why we will also finance the planting around the complex reconstructed terrace of the landmarked „Villa Wertheimer“ in Bad Homburg.“

Also a professional football table, which is traditionally on every fair stand of Infastaub, is donated to a social facility. In August the football table was handed over to the youth centre „Oberste Gärten“.

### In the centre of celebration: the employees

Berthold Geppert emphasised in his speech the great engagement of the staff: „All challenges would remain unsolved without engaged employees. Infastaub is fortunate to have these engaged and enthusiastic employees in the company. They are indispensably linked to our success which is signified by technical competence, first-class service and best quality.“

### From component supplier to problem solver

The start of all filter series was a mechanically cleanable pocket filter. Already a year later, 1969, a pocket filter cleanable by pressurised air was developed. Today, 15 different filter types are on the market. They are delivered around the globe.

Since turn of the millennium Infastaub is not only a supplier of classic series filters, but achieved a solid position in the market with individual tailor-made solutions.

„Dr. Kynast saw the great future opportunities. We keep alive his visions and entrepreneurial spirit. Also in future we substantially stay involved with dedusting technology: a market with increasing prospective potential and therewith accompanying demands on safety technology and documentation in operating and maintenance“, explains Berthold Geppert.



## Market place for used filter units

Our filter units are „made in Germany“ and include a promise of quality. The longevity of the filter units is well-known on the market and makes the purchase of used filters very attractive. Infastaub offers on this market place returned test and experimental set-ups or replacement and retrofit filters that have been in use only for a short time.

After a thorough overhaul in our factory, the filters can be opera-

ted without any restrictions. Spare parts and wearing parts are in an almost new condition respectively are replaced by new parts according to the tasks. A later demand of spare parts and wearing parts is ensured, of course.

Our offers are constantly updated. Precise information next to design and usage data of our currently available used filters can be obtained from our sales office under [service@infastaub.de](mailto:service@infastaub.de).



## What is actually doing ...?

### Nicole Kaiser Design engineer



Nicole Kaiser is employed at Infastaub since 2015. The area of responsibilities of the engineering draughtswoman and mechanical engineering technician includes next to design of filter plants also many other duties, e. g. maintaining design regulations in the internal EPDM system.

#### What led to your choice of profession, which also today is still unusual for women?

To be honest, after finishing school I didn't exactly know which profession I wanted to learn. A career selection test figured out, that engineering draughtswoman would be suitable for me. So I started with the training - at that time still at

the drawing board and with an ink pen. That was a real challenge, because I am left-handed. And since I really like my work, I added a training for a mechanical engineering technician.

The career selection test has proven true until now, because I still very much enjoy my profession. Even though many things have changed because of computer-aided design.

#### What do you like most about your tasks?

Apart from my original duties of designing filter units, it turned out that I am sort of a troubleshooter in our department. Tasks that can't be fulfilled due to many circumstances end up on my desk. Among other things, this is due to the fact that I like to get my teeth into many things.

#### And about Infastaub?

Infastaub is a very familiar company. When necessary, solutions will be sought. Wishes and needs of

employees have a significance. Not every employer cares like that.

I also think that we have many freedoms. This applies not only to the design department. Also backing of superiors and colleagues is an important aspect.

#### What do you do for work-life balance?

At the moment, I am a little bit restrictive with sportive activities because of an injury. Though walking and slow running is possible already. I am very excited yet when I'm able to sit back on my motorbike. I discovered this hobby a few years ago. In addition, I have two sons who still are demanding.

#### Three words that describe you?

Helpful, reliable, conscientious

#### If you could make a wish:

Having a world that is more equitable.