



Press release

Tezos Board reorganized

Zug, 22 February 2018 - The Tezos Foundation has unanimously appointed Ryan Jespersion and Michel Mauny to the Board. The two new members will replace Johann Gevers and Diego Olivier Fernandez Pons, who decided to voluntarily step down to optimally support the Foundation in the advancement of its mission.

The two new members of the Board will join Lars Haussmann, who was appointed to the Board on 31 January 2018. This new Board looks forward to expanding the number of board members in the near future. Ryan Jespersion will replace Johann Gevers as President. He plans to relocate with his family to Zug, Switzerland. In addition, he looks forward to assisting the Crypto Valley ecosystem and helping to further establish Switzerland as a center of blockchain technology and innovation.

With the appointment of the two new members to the Board, the Foundation is preparing itself to assist in the timely launch of the Tezos network.

Ryan Jespersion, who became a leading figure in the Tezos community in recent months, is looking forward to joining the Board at this important time for the Tezos project. «To serve the best interests of the Tezos Project, Johann Gevers and Diego Olivier Fernandez Pons have voluntarily offered to resign from the Foundation Board. They are committed to the success of the Tezos project and will continue to support its development towards a bright future. We thank both of them for their service.»

Ryan Jespersion and Michel Mauny, who will join Lars Haussmann as new members to the Board, are both accomplished professionals. Ryan Jespersion is a dedicated member of the Tezos community. Most recently he was the Chief Operating Officer at Divvy, a FinTech company. He received a BS degree, cum laude, from Brigham Young University and an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Prior to his work at Divvy, he helped launch the Self-Reliance Services initiative of the LDS Church and was an executive, turnaround specialist and tech entrepreneur in the healthcare industry.

Michel Mauny is a senior researcher at Inria (Paris, France). His scientific interests are mainly in the field of programming languages: design, implementation, semantics, static analysis and type systems. After his PhD at Paris-Diderot University, he joined Inria in 1985 and worked on programming languages, in the research group that designed and developed the Coq proof assistant and the OCaml programming language. From 1989 to 2005 he led the research team that developed OCaml.

About the Tezos Foundation

The Tezos Foundation's primary focus is the promotion and development of the Tezos protocol and related technologies, as well as the promotion and support of applications using the Tezos protocol. It also promotes and develops new technologies and applications in the areas of open and decentralized software architectures.