

HEINRICH PFEIFFER

former Secretary General and
Managing Director of the Board of Trustees
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Honorary Member of the
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's
Board of Trustees

Curriculum Vitae

* 27 January 1927 in Weinbach/Hessen, † 22 December 2016 in Bonn
married to Edith Pfeiffer, neé Meinke
two children (son and daughter)

Studies and professional career

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| 1946–1951 | Studies of Philosophy, History and Pedagogics at the universities of Mainz, Frankfurt/Main and Bonn |
| 1946–1951 | Teacher in elementary schools in Wiesbaden |
| 1948 | Studies in Uppsala and Stockholm, Sweden |
| 1951–1952 | Teaching Assistant at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA |
| 1952–1953 | Assistant at the "Hochschule für Internationale Pädagogische Forschung" (University of International Educational Research) in Frankfurt/Main |
| 1953–1956 | Head of the German department of the Fulbright Commission in Bonn |
| 1956 | Doctoral degree (Dr. phil.) at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz |
| 1956–1994 | Secretary General and |
| 1964–1994 | Managing Director of the Board of Trustees of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn |
| 1995–2001 | Authorised representative of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for the establishment of International Meeting Centres for scientists and scholars at universities in the eastern federal states of Germany |
| since 2007 | Honorary Member of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Board of Trustees |

Membership and functions in European organisations

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| 1972 | Co-founder of the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society, London, United Kingdom |
| 1974–2002 | Deputy Secretary General and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society, London, United Kingdom |

- 1987–2008 Member of the Selection Committee and the Advisory Board (Executive Committee) of the Canon Foundation, Leiden, Netherlands
- 1991–1998 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP), Strassburg, France
- 1999–2002 Chairman of the Advisory Board (Executive Committee) of the Canon Foundation, Leiden, Netherlands
- 1993–1998 Vice President of the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP), Strassburg, France

Membership in foreign academies and societies

- since 1970 Life Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London, United Kingdom
- since 1997 Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA, USA
- Fellow of the International Institute for Advanced Studies, Kyoto, Japan

Member of various scientific and cultural institutions

Honours

Dr. h.c. mult.

Prof. h.c. mult.

- 1972 Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, France
- since 1993 Honorary Senator of the Technical University of Munich
- since 1993 Honorary Citizen of the University of Bonn
- 1998 Leibniz Medal of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of the Sciences and Humanities
- as well as numerous orders, medals and honours from scientific organisations and states

Publications

Numerous articles on research promotion and foreign cultural policy

Books:

- „Ausländische Studenten an deutschen Hochschulen 1952–1961“, Steiner Verlag, 1962
- „Ausbildungsgang und Laufbahn von Hochschullehrern im Ausland“, Akad. Verlag Bonn, 1966
- „Alexander von Humboldt – Werk und Weltgeltung“ (Ed.), Piper, 1969
- „Denken und Umdenken – Werk und Wirkung von Werner Heisenberg (Ed.), Piper, 1977