

Johann-Dietrich Wörner

President of acatech

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Date of birth: 18 July 1954

Roles at acatech

19 March 2021 -	acatech President
2004 - present	Member of acatech Senate
2002	Elected to acatech – Convention for the Technical Sciences

Employment history

2015 – 2021	Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA)
2007 - 2015	Chairman of the Executive Board of the German Aerospace Center (DLR)
2005	Founding partner of European Center for Aviation Development (ECAD)
1995 – 2007	President of the Technische Universität Darmstadt
1994	Founded engineering consultancy Wörner und Partner, Darmstadt
1993	Technical Director of Institut für Konstruktiven Glasbau (institute for glass construction), Gelsenkirchen
1992 – 1994	Dean of civil engineering department, Technische Hochschule Darmstadt
1990 - 1995	Professor of civil engineering, Technische Hochschule Darmstadt
1985	PhD from Technische Hochschule Darmstadt on component-building interactions during earthquakes (Dr.-Ing.)
1982-1983	Research visit to Japan to study earthquake safety
1979-1990	Worked for engineering consultancy König & Heunisch, Frankfurt
1979	Degree in civil engineering at Technische Hochschule Darmstadt
1973 - 1979	Studied civil engineering at Technische Universität Berlin and Technische Hochschule Darmstadt

Selected affiliations

- Member of Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- Member of German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- Member of acatech – National Academy of Science and Engineering

Johann-Dietrich (Jan) Wörner is a former Vice President of the Helmholtz Association and has also served on numerous national and international supervisory boards, advisory committees and boards of trustees. He has sat on the university councils of the École Centrale de Paris, the École Centrale de Lyon, the Technische Universität Berlin, the Instituto Superior Técnico of the University of Lisbon and the Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts, and on the supervisory boards of organisations such as Schenck, Röhm, Bilfinger & Berger and TÜV, among many others.

He was also appointed to the “Projektgruppe Energiepolitisches Programm” (PEPP – energy policy programme project group) by the German government.

Selected honours and awards

- Grand Cross 1st class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Honorary knight of the French Legion of Honour
- Honorary doctorates from State University of New York, Technical University of Moldova, Politehnica University of Bucharest, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics, École Centrale de Lyon and Mongolian Technical University
- Fraunhofer Medal
- Wernher von Braun Memorial Award of the National Space Society
- Merck Medal of the City of Darmstadt
- Prize awarded by Friends of the Technische Hochschule Darmstadt for ‘outstanding academic achievement’