

SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Manfred Fuchs (Germany)



Manfred Fuchs was born in Latsch, Italy in 1938. After studying aircraft engineering in Munich and Hamburg, he was employed as a development engineer for aerodynamics/flight mechanics at Hamburger Flugzeugbau and later as a space technology engineer at ERNO, Bremen.

During this period, he was involved in such important projects as the Europa rocket (ARIANE 1), SPACELAB, COLUMBUS and various satellites. At ERNO, he was appointed head of the Astrodynamics/Preliminary Development department, granted general signing powers in 1981 and appointed department director in 1982. In 1985, he fulfilled a lifelong dream by going into business on his own and acquiring shares in OHB-System GmbH, Bremen, becoming managing shareholder of this company. Since the amalgamation of OHB Teledata and OHB-System under the roof of OHB Technology AG at the beginning of 2002, Mr. Fuchs has been CEO of OHB-System AG and a member of the management board of OHB Technology AG responsible for Space Technology and Security. Prof.

Fuchs is a member of the supervisory board of Carlo Gavazzi Space S.p.A., Milan, ATB GmbH, Bremen, and BEOS GmbH, Bremen. He has worked closely with Russia for over 15 years in the area of satellite launches in Plesetsk, Kapustinoyar and Baikonur. The German MIR 02 and MIR 05 missions were additionally launched.

He has received several awards including "Bremen Entrepreneur of the Year for 1995" in 1996 and an honorary professorship at the Bremen University of Applied Sciences. He was a member of the CDU German Federal Committee of Research and Technology as well as chairman of the Research and Technology Taskforce of the CDU-Bremen and a former member of the CDU parliamentary party in the Bremen state government as deputy for economics and labor. In 2005, the Milan Polytechnic awarded him an honorary doctorate ("Dott. Ing. h.c.").

Private life

- He has been married to Christa Fuchs since 1960. They have two children: Marco and Romana Fuchs. Both children are attorneys. Marco Fuchs is CEO of OHB Technology within the Fuchs Group. Romana Fuchs is a self-employed attorney in Munich. Prof. and Mrs. Fuchs have five grandchildren.
- Manfred Fuchs was a member of the Senate of the DLR (German Space Agency) for eight years, including four years as deputy chairman of the DLR Senate.
- Manfred Fuchs was a member of the supervisory board of DARA (German Agency for Space Matters) for several years.
- Prof. Fuchs is president of the ZARM promotion society (drop tower).
- Manfred Fuchs was vice-president of the Hermann Oberth Society (space)

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- He is member of the Senate of DGLR (German Society for Aerospace).
- Manfred Fuchs is a member of Internationalis Astronautica Academia.
- In addition, he is a member of the board of the Alfred Wegener Institute.
- He was awarded the 1989 golden Hermann Oberth Medal.
- In addition, he received the Sänger medal from DGLR.

Personal facts, hobbies

- Traveling
- Former pilot for motorized aircraft and gliders
- Mountain-climbing, hiking
- Nationality: German