

## **SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY**

### **Johann-Dietrich Wörner (Germany)**



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Johann-Dietrich Wörner was born in Kassel in 1954. He has been Chairman of the Executive Board of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) since March 1st, 2007.

After studying civil engineering at the Berlin Institute of Technology and Darmstadt Technological University, where he graduated in 1985. In 1982, he left for two years study leave in Japan, investigating earthquake safety. Wörner worked until 1990 at the engineering office of König und Heunisch.

In 1990 he returned to Darmstadt Technological University, where he took over as head of the Testing and Research Institute. Before being elected President of Darmstadt Technological University in 1995, he filled the position as Technical Director of the Institute for Glass Construction, and Dean of the Civil Engineering Faculty.

Wörner was honoured with a series of prizes and awards such as the Prize of the Organisation of Friends of Darmstadt Technological University for "outstanding scientific performance". He was also appointed to the Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and is representative of the Technical Sciences Section of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. Wörner has received honorary doctorates from State University New York (USA), the technological universities of Bucharest (Romania) and Mongolia, as well as St. Petersburg University for Economics and Finance (Russia), and École Centrale Lyon (France).

Wörner is also a member of various national and international supervisory bodies, advisory councils and committees. He is a member of the board of École Centrale Paris and École Centrale Lyon, the Convention for Technical Sciences (acatech) and the supervisory board of Röhm GmbH, to name just a few. He is President of the European Network of Technological Universities (CESAER) and Chairman of the Regional Dialogue Forum for the expansion of Frankfurt Airport, commissioned by the Provincial Government of Hessen.

In June 2007, Wörner was elected Deputy Chairman of the Council of the European Space Agency.