Prof. Dr. Herwig Brunner, CEO

The Peter and Traudl Engelhorn-Stiftung/Foundation Supporting Research in Life Sciences



Professional education & positions

Prof. Dr. Herwig Brunner acts as the CEO of the "Peter and Traudl Engelhorn-Stiftung", dedicated to foster young high-potentials in Life Science Research and was a member of the board of directors of this unique private foundation since the beginning in 1993.

He was Executive Director of the Fraunhofer-Institute of Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology, and chairing as a full professor the Institute of Interfacial Technology, Faculty of Engineering, University Stuttgart. Germany.

After his diploma in Chemistry and PhD in Biochemical Engineering and Technical Microbiology at the University of Vienna, School of Engineering, Austria, and after a position as an Assistant-Professor, Institute of Immunology, Medical School, University Vienna, he joined pharmaceutical industry.

There he got in-depth experience of pharmaceutical and diagnostic relevant processes and then as a Vice President R&D Biotechnology, respectively. As a Senior Vice President he managed the Biotechnology Division (R&D + Production + QC) as well as the Bavarian Operations of Boehringer Mannheim/Corange Ltd. (now Roche).

Herwig is a Fellow of the International Institute of Biotechnology, London, and elected member of The European Academy of Sciences and Arts and was elected to the Leibniz-Societaet of Sciences, Berlin. He is founder and/or promoter of several biotech start-ups and acted as a member of the supervisory boards or advisory boards of several companies of the Biotech/Biomedical Industry as well as for many years as an advisor to the German Ministry of Research and Technology and the State of Bavaria, Ministry of Economy, and the German Research Association (DFG), respectively.

He is dedicated to elicit and foster the scientific potential of young research personalities.