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Résumé

Jürgen Heraeus visited the Robert-Koch-Schule in Clausthal and the Realgymnasium in Wiesbaden. He then studied Business Administration at the Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg and at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. In 1963, he did his Doctorate in Munich in „Direct Costing as the principle for short-term business decisions“. Since 1964, Heraeus works for the Heraeus Company. In 1970, he was appointed as Executive Board Member of the W.C. Heraeus GmbH. In 1977, he became Deputy General Manager and in 1983 Chief Executive Officer whilst representing the fourth generation of the Heraeus family.

In this position, he internationalized and diversified the company and was the first to introduce a holding structure into a family-owned business within Germany. Under his leadership, sales grew to about eight billion Euros of which three quarters were generated abroad and the number of employees increased to over 10,000. In 2000, he became Chairman of the Supervisory Board and handed the management over to non-family managers. Currently, a family member is again part of the Executive Management of Heraeus Holding GmbH. Heraeus is also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of GEA Group AG and Messer Group GmbH.

In addition, Heraeus serves as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Kathinka Platzhoff Foundation and the German Committee for UNICEF e.V. He is also an active spokesman for the Committee for the reorganization of ADAC.

For many years Heraeus was Chairman of the Working Group of China in the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Economy (APA) and the University Council of the Technical University of Darmstadt. He was also a member of the „Lenkungsrats Unternehmensfinanzierung“ at the Economic Fond of Germany.

Jürgen Heraeus is father to five daughters.

Awards and Honors

In 2000, Jürgen Heraeus was honored for his personal commitment to public welfare in the economic, social and environmental fields by the Federal Cross of Merit, First Class.

In 2007, Heraeus was chosen as Family Entrepreneur of the Year by INTES.

In addition, Heraeus was inducted into the Hall of Fame by Manager Magazine in 2009 and in 2011 into the Hall of Fame by Handelsblatt Magazine. In 2012, Jürgen Heraeus received the German Founders Award in the Lifetime Achievement category „for his outstanding entrepreneurial achievement“.