

Curriculum Vitae of Walter Thiel

Born on March 7, 1949, Treysa, Germany

Education

1959–1966 German public high-school, Schwalm-Gymnasium Treysa
1966–1971 Chemistry studies, Universität Marburg
1971 Diploma in Chemistry, Universität Marburg
1973 Ph.D. degree, Universität Marburg (summa cum laude)

Professional

1973–1975 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Texas at Austin
1975–1982 Research scientist, Universität Marburg
1981 Habilitation for Theoretical Chemistry
1983–1992 Associate Professor of Theoretical Chemistry, Universität Wuppertal
1987 Visiting Professor, University of California at Berkeley
1992–1999 Full Professor of Chemistry, Universität Zurich
1999 Director, Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung, Mülheim/Ruhr
2001 Honorary Professor, Universität Düsseldorf

Selected Honors and Awards

1969–1974 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
1975–1977 Liebig Fellowship of the Verband der Chemischen Industrie
1982 Heisenberg Fellowship of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
1988 Förderpreis of the Alfred-Krupp Stiftung
2002 Schrödinger Medal of the World Association of Theoretical Chemists
2007 Member of the International Academy of Quantum Molecular Science
2007 Member of the German National Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina)
2008 Member of the Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften
2009 Honorary Member of the Israeli Chemical Society

Selected Professional Activities

1986–1992 Member of the Board, Institut für Angewandte Informatik, Wuppertal
1990–1992 Speaker of the DFG Research Unit “Reactive Molecules”
1997–present Advisory Editor, Theoretical Chemistry Accounts
1998–present Advisory Editor, Journal of Computational Chemistry
1998 Organizer, 34th Symposium for Theoretical Chemistry, Gwatt, Switzerland
2000–2008 Member of the Review Board, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
2000–2006 Member of the Steering Committee, Bavarian Computing Center
2001–2005 Chairman, Association of German Theoretical Chemists
2002–2008 Section Editor, Encyclopedia of Computational Chemistry
2004–2010 Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Lise-Meitner Center, Jerusalem
2005–2011 Vice-President, World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists
2006–2008 Managing Director, Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung
2006–2010 Chairman, BAR Committee of the Max Planck Society
2006–present Member of the Kuratorium, Angewandte Chemie
2008–present Associate Editor, WIREs: Computational Molecular Sciences
2010 Chairman, Gordon Conference on Computational Chemistry

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