

PROF. DR. REIMUND NEUGEBAUER

President of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft



Biography

Prof. Reimund Neugebauer was born on June 27, 1953 in Thuringia in eastern Germany. He graduated from the Technische Universität Dresden (TUD) with a degree in mechanical engineering. He received his doctorate there in 1984 and was awarded the academic degree of Doktor-Ingenieur habilitatus in 1991. After holding leadership roles in the mechanical engineering industry, he was appointed professor at TUD in 1989, where he assumed leadership of the Institute for Machine Tools the following year.

When the Fraunhofer Research Institution for Forming Technology and Machine Tools was founded in 1992, Prof. Neugebauer was named as one of its directors, with responsibility for machine tools and automation technology. In 1994, he became the sole director of what is now known as the Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology IWU, a position he held until September 2012. In 1993, he was appointed deputy chair of the Machine Tools and Forming Technology department at the Chemnitz University of Technology (TU Chemnitz); he was appointed full chair in 1995. From 2000 to 2012, he was managing director of the Institute of Machine Tools and Production Processes (IWP) at TU Chemnitz. From 2003 to 2006, he also served as dean of the Mechanical Engineering faculty.

On October 1, 2012, he took up the post of President of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft.

Prof. Neugebauer is Honorary President of Industrieverein Sachsen 1828 e.V., a Fellow of the International Academy for Production Engineering (CIRP) and a member of acatech – the National Academy of Science and Engineering in Germany. From 2010 to 2011 he was president of the German Academic Society for Production Engineering (WGP). Since 2014 he has been a member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. In 2015, Prof. Neugebauer was appointed co-chair of the German federal government's High-Tech Forum, the central advisory board for the development and implementation of Germany's high-tech strategy. As a member of the Innovation Dialogue Steering Committee, the Fraunhofer President works closely with the German Chancellor as well as other representatives of the federal government, science, industry and society on issues of future innovation policy. Prof. Neugebauer is also on the executive boards of Plattform Industrie 4.0 and Plattform Lernende Systeme, two alliances of representatives from politics, industry, associations, science and trade unions.

He holds eight honorary doctorates from respected universities, such as the Technical University of Munich, KU Leuven and South Africa's Stellenbosch University. In addition to numerous other distinctions, Prof. Neugebauer has been awarded the Order of Merit of the Free State of Saxony and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.