



## Horst Hippler

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Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler is President of the German Rectors' Conference (*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz – HRK*) since May 2012. The HRK is the umbrella organisation of German universities and universities of applied sciences. Currently, the HRK has 268 member institutions.

Born in 1946, Horst Hippler studied physics at the *University of Goettingen*. He received his doctorate from the *École Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne in Switzerland*. He did post-doctoral studies at the *IBM Research Laboratory in San Jose, USA*, and at the *University of Goettingen*. It was here that he received his "Habilitation" degree in physical chemistry in 1988. In 1993, Horst Hippler became a professor of physical chemistry at what was then the *University of Karlsruhe* and is now the *Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)*. From 2002 to 2012 he served first as Rector of the *University of Karlsruhe* and later as President of *KIT*. In addition, from 2006 to 2009 he served as president of TU9, the association of nine leading technical universities in Germany. From 2010 to 2012, he was President of the *Rectors' Conference of the Universities of the State of Baden-Württemberg*. Horst Hippler is a member of various advisory boards and boards of governors of German as well as French universities. He is a member of the *Conseil Scientifique d'Electricité des France (EDF)*. In 2009, he was elected as a member of *acatech*, the *German Academy of Science and Engineering*, and in 2011 became a corresponding member of the *Goettingen Academy of Sciences*. In May 2016 he has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the *University of Strasbourg*.