



The Minister of Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg

Prof. Dr. Peter Frankenberg



Professor Peter Frankenberg was appointed Baden-Württemberg's new Minister of Science, Research and the Arts on June 13th 2001. A geographer by profession, he received his doctorate in 1976, qualifying as a University Professor at the University of Bonn in 1982. Prior to accepting his ministerial post, Professor Frankenberg was Rector of the University of Mannheim.

Curriculum vitae and professional career

Peter Frankenberg was born in Bad Honnef on June 29th 1947. There he completed his secondary education. Following the abitur (A-levels) in 1967, he studied History, Geography and Geology at the University of Bonn (exam summer 1972), also completing a degree in Botany between 1972 and 1976. In July 1976, he obtained his doctorate in natural sciences, later qualifying as a University Professor at the Science Faculty of the University of Bonn in 1982.

A period as Professor of Physical Geography at the Catholic University in Eichstätt was followed in 1986 by his accepting the chair of Physical Geography and Regional Studies at the Geographical Institute of the University of Mannheim. Having served as both Dean and Vice-Rector (vice chancellor), Frankenberg was appointed as Rector of the University of Mannheim on October 1st 1994.

As well as being a University Rector and Vice President of Research for the German Rectors' Conference, Professor Frankenberg has been an active member of numerous national and international commissions concerned with the development of tertiary education. In addition, he has lent his expertise to various university boards, advisory councils and committees. In recognition he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Economics and Finance in St. Petersburg in 1996, an honorary fellowship from the University of Wales in Swansea, a honorary doctorate from the University of Tunis El Manar and an honorary senatorship from Mannheim's Institute of Design and Technology.

The Minister's political stance regarding university education may be summed up thus: "A better quality of degree, better teaching and better research through increased competition and strategic autonomy". With this in mind, Frankenberg pursues an ongoing policy of university reform, he is convinced that the Universities of Baden-Württemberg will also see an improvement in their status on the international education market.

Professor Frankenberg is married and has three daughters.

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