



Heinz Gerhäuser

Heinz Gerhäuser was born in Munich in 1946. He received the Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1980. From 1980 to 1981 he spent 14 months as a visiting scientist at the IBM San José Research Laboratory, USA working on ink-jet printing. From 1981 to 1985 he was heading the Liaison Office for Research and Technology Transfer at the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

He joined Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in 1985 and was appointed deputy director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS in Erlangen. Since 1993 he is head of Fraunhofer IIS. In 1999, Heinz Gerhäuser was appointed university professor of the

endowed Chair of Information Technologies at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg. Under his leadership, the Fraunhofer IIS has grown into the largest of the 56 Fraunhofer Institutes in Germany, currently employing approx. 480 staff members.

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In 2001 the “Net 21” prize by “The Industry Standard” magazine, New York, was awarded to Dieter Seitzer and Heinz Gerhäuser “for the most influential software - MP3” and in 2007 the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) has elected Heinz Gerhäuser, Karlheinz Brandenburg and Dieter Seitzer representing a team of Fraunhofer researchers, into the CE Hall of Fame for their work on mp3.