

Press Release

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. August-Wilhelm Scheer receives Rudolf Diesel Medal

Honored for "Most Successful Innovative Achievement" as a Pioneer of Modern Architectures for Information Systems

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On July 13, 2023, the Rudolf Diesel Medal, the oldest and most prestigious innovation award, was presented to Prof. Dr. August-Wilhelm Scheer in Augsburg for the "most successful innovation achievement". He was honored as a visionary and entrepreneurial implementer of modern architectures for information systems.

The Rudolf Diesel Medal has been awarded since 1953 in memory of the innovator Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine. The Rudolf Diesel Medal honors individuals for special achievements in the field of invention and innovation culture.

Famous recipients include Wernher von Braun as a rocket pioneer, Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach as pioneers of automotive engineering, Conrad Zuse as the inventor of the computer, the founders of SAP AG, and several Nobel Prize winners.

The justification for the award of the medal states, among other things: "The ARIS concept, developed by August-Wilhelm Scheer around 1990, is a framework for optimizing business processes. The software product ARIS Toolset for modeling and optimizing business processes, developed by his company IDS Scheer AG, became one of the few internationally successful software products made in Germany. The ARIS concept simultaneously provided a theoretical foundation for the success of the process-oriented enterprise software that has shaped corporate information processing over the past 30 years."

As a pioneer of modern architectures for information systems, Prof. Scheer founded other successful companies under the umbrella of Scheer Holding after the sale of IDS Scheer AG, such as the process consulting company Scheer GmbH, imc AG as a leading software company for learning technologies and the software company Scheer PAS Deutschland GmbH for a software architecture of the "Composable Enterprise". All companies are internationally oriented. As a driver

for innovation through application-oriented research, Scheer founded the non-profit "August-Wilhelm Scheer Institute for Digital Products and Processes".

"The Rudolf Diesel Medal is a very special honor for me. It is a recognition of the path I have taken as a scientist and entrepreneur. My drive has always been to successfully turn ideas from my research into products and services. This still drives me today."

Prof. Scheer's latest book, "Composable Enterprise", outlines the architecture for the digitized enterprise of the future.

About Scheer Holding

Scheer Holding supports and manages the merger of innovative and technology-oriented companies in one network. Scheer GmbH, imc AG and Scheer PAS Deutschland GmbH as established companies are the driving forces for the start-ups in this network.

August-Wilhelm Scheer, professor for business informatics, inventor of the ARIS concept and successful entrepreneur since the foundation of IDS Scheer AG, established Scheer Holding GmbH as a network of high-growth IT companies. Process expertise, high quality, innovative strength and focus on customer benefits characterize products and services. The close exchange with science and research additionally increases the innovative power of the individual companies and opens up new markets. As the sole shareholder of Scheer Holding, Scheer holds significant stakes in the network companies. Investments in start-up companies are made while at the same time emphasizing the entrepreneurial power of the start-up management.

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