

Walter Steinmann

Curriculum vitae

General

Born on 20 September 1951 in Aarau,
Childhood in Aarau and Niedergoesgen

Education

1976 MA in Economics (lic. Oec publ) University of Zurich
1988 PhD (Dr. rer. soc.) University of Konstanz

Professional experience

1976 – 1981 Assistant at Zurich University and ETH (Federal Institutes of Technology), Zurich
1981 – 1988 Delegate for Economic Promotion, Canton Basel-Land
1988 – 1994 Representative for Economic Promotion, Canton Solothurn
1994 – 2001 Managing Director, Office for Employment and Economic Affairs, Canton Solothurn
2001 - 2016 Managing Director of the Swiss Federal Office of Energy, Berne
Member of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency IEA
2007 – 2017 Member of the Governing Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna

Major Projects

1984 Founding member of “Innovationspreis beider Basel” (innovation prize covering Basel-Land and Basel-Stadt)
1988 Founding member of “Technologiestandort Schweiz/Swiss Technology Award (initiative to encourage young high-tech firms to set up business in international markets)
1989 Founding member of JUS young entrepreneurs' school, HWV Olten (Olten business administration schools)
1990 Founding member of the competition “Design Preis Schweiz” (Swiss design prize)
1994 Founding member of “BibUtz”, the first transfer organisation in connection with mass redundancies at the Biberist and Utzenstorf paper factories
1998 Secretary of the “VDK”, Conference of the ministers of the cantonal departments of economy