



## **Biography**

### **Dr. Christian Patermann**

Christian Patermann was born in Gliwice, Upper Silesia, in 1942. Following his High School years, he studied Law, Economics and Languages in Germany (Freiburg, Munich, Bonn), Switzerland (Lausanne, Geneva) and Spain (Santander) and completed his Doctoral Thesis in Law at the University of Bonn in 1969.

He entered the German public service in 1971 by joining the Federal Ministry of Science and Education, Bonn. From 1974-1978 he became Science Counsellor at the German Embassy in Washington D.C., USA. He then returned to the Ministry of Research and Technology where he held many positions in Germany and International Organisations, like ESA, ESO, EMBL. In 1988 he becomes Director of Cabinet of the German Federal Minister of Research and Technology, Dr. H. Riesenhuber. In 1993 he was appointed Deputy Director General of the Ministry.

In 1996 he went to Brussels to become the Programme Director for "Environment" Research at the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission at Brussels where he conceived and implemented the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> RTD Framework Programmes of the EU in this field. He was also Vice-President of the Steering Committee of IGFA (International Group of Funding Agencies in Global Environmental Changes ) and elected member of the START Scientific Committee.

Since January 2004 he was Programme Director for "Biotechnology, Agriculture & Food" Research at the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission, which from 2007 also comprises Aquaculture and Fisheries as well as Forestry. He was also appointed chairman of the oldest Committee between EU Member States and the European Commission, the Standing Committee on agricultural research, SCAR. He also served for 4 years as co-chair in the important EC-US Task Force Life Sciences and Biotechnology Research.

In August 2007 Christian Patermann retired. He now lives in Bonn and advises public and private institutions and companies, among them the largest German Land NorthRhine-Westphalia , the Swiss Agricultural Research Council etc.

He is author of more than 100 articles, books and other contributions to Science, Research and Technology in particular in Space, Nuclear and non-Nuclear Energy, Nuclear Proliferation, Environment and Global Changes, Marine Research, Biotechnology, Aquaculture, Food, Forestry and Fisheries.

He is also expert in international cooperation, including the European enlargement process and the relationship between Europe and the BRICK-countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and Korea)

He is an amateur Jazz musician and was until recently Member of the Board of the Bundeskunsthalle in Bonn.

Since beginning of 2009 he has been appointed member of the Research and Technology Council " BioEconomy " of the Federal German Government, a recently created new advisory Body to Chancellor Merkel and her Cabinet.