

*Board of trustees for the Mueller-Thurgau-prize*



**Award of the Geisenheimer Mueller-Thurgau-prize 2002  
to Dipl. Ing. Wolfgang Heeß.**

The botanist, biologist, phytopathologist and grower Professor Dr. Mueller from Thurgau was scientifically active in the most diverse areas of the cultivation of wines and the Winemaking. A special characteristic of Professor Dr. Mueller was that he understood it excellently to describe scientific results in line with standard usage. Thus he contributed to a rapid spreading of new realizations.

From cause of its 75-years anniversary of existence in the year 1969 the association of former Geisenheimer e.V. (VEG-Geisenheim Alumni Association e.V.) thinks of this man in a time, in which the effort is seen with concern, which puts the continuation and advancement of research and teaching in Geisenheim in question and thus endangers Geisenheimer tradition.

In the knowledge of its obligation the VEG decides the donation of the

**Geisenheimer Mueller-Thurgau-prize**

The Mueller-Thurgau-prize decides itself as thanks and acknowledgment towards personalities who in many years supported the hessian study- and research institute for wine -, fruit and horticulture (school of engineering) in Geisenheim - so the designation at that time today as Fachhochschule Wiesbaden – University of Applied Sciences, study place Geisenheim and research institute Geisenheim), in particular by the preservation and promotion of teachings or research or supported the interests of their students in an unusual manner.



For 38 years Mr. Wolfgang Heeß is member in the federation of German enologists (BDO), for over 32 years in the executive committee and for over 21 years he was a chairman of the federation of German enologists. For nearly 30 years he cooperates actively in the executive committee of the international enologist association and was over two electoral periods its vice-president. These numbers stand for employment over many decades for the former Geisenheimer graduates in the BDO. The BDO - conference in this year took place for the 47<sup>th</sup> time. Wolfgang Heeß understood it again

and again to select interesting topics to win good advisers and to thus make the conference a real training chance for former Geisenheimer graduates and other specialists from the in- and foreign country.

An expressed highlight surely was the Wine event to the topic Riesling in the last year.

Since years he found again and again interesting suggestions for the excursions to international wine regions and made possible interesting inspections by his personal contacts.

Under his presidency the federation of German enologists has increased from 498 members to 1.400 members.

In addition Wolfgang Heeß brought himself intensively into Geisenheim and belonged to the specialized committee of beverage technology from 1976 to 1993 and was over 10 years its chairman.

Owing to its specialized authority the BDO could initiate and financially promote research projects. With large employment he dedicated himself in a multiplicity of projects like the quality in the vineyard, acid and wine, the flavour wheel, the investigations of the atypical age clay/tone (UTA) and the must concentration.

For the well-being of the wine economy he participated in many committees of the wine economy as an advisor, assessor member or as a chairman.

1996 Minister Bruederle of the Ministry for economics, traffic, agriculture and viticulture lent him the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and 1997 the French Secretary of Agriculture the "Croix de Chevalier dans L'ordre you merite agricole".

As thanks and acknowledgment for preservation and the promotion of teachings and research Wolfgang Heeß receives the Mueller-Thurgau-prize on the occasion of the VEG meeting of the members in 2002.

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