

# PROF. DR. JUR. HELMUT THOMA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

- May 3, 1939    born in Vienna
- 1962            Juris Doctor degree, University of Vienna
- 1966            Legal department of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation)
- 1967            Head of ORF's legal department, Member of various committees of the legal commission of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)
- 1973            Authorised signatory with general power of attorney at "Information et Publicité Allemagne (IPA) in Frankfurt; German general agent for Radio Luxembourg
- 1975            Chief Executive of IPA in Frankfurt
- 1982            Director of Programming for German language programmes at Radio Luxembourg
- 1984            Chief Executive of the private television broadcasting company RTL plus with headquarters in Luxembourg
- 1988            Chief Executive of RTL plus GmbH with headquarters in Cologne
- 1992            RTL becomes market leader in the German market and is unchallenged in this position under Thoma's leadership
- 1998            Leaves RTL management
- since 1997     Supervisory Board of Vemag AG
- since 1998     Supervisory Board of Mobilcom AG
- since 1999     Supervisory Board of Adlink AG  
Supervisory Board Chairman at typhoon AG  
Chairman of the Advisory Board of ISH AG
- 1999 – 2002   Media Advisor to Wolfgang Clement, Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia
- 2002            Supervisory Board of PrimaCom AG
- 2003            Supervisory Board Chairman at freenet.de AG  
Chairman of the Advisory Board of ISH GmbH & Co. KG
- 2004            Supervisory Board Vice-Chairman at PrimaCom AG
- 2005            Media advisor and various Supervisory Board positions in different companies
- 2006            Supervisory Board Chairman at IM Internationalmedia AG
- 2007            Supervisory Board Chairman at freenet AG, after the merge of MobilCom AG and freenet.de AG  
Supervisory Board of IPTV-Channel „Deutsches Anleger Fernsehen (DAF)“  
Start of the media advisory company TT-Studios

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## HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 1987            “Officier de l’ordre Mérite,” Luxembourg
- 1990            Golden Camera, Bambi
- 1991            Golden Badge of Honour of the City of Vienna
- 1994            German Media Prize Baden-Baden
- International Emmy Award
- Honorary Professor of the Republic of Austria
- 1995            Order of Merit of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia
- 1997            Officer of the Luxembourgian Crown of Oak Leaves
- 1999            Honorary Golden Nymph at the Monte Carlo Television Festival for  
                  “extraordinary achievements” in the field of television
- 2005            Awarded with the "Große Silberne Ehrenzeichen für Verdienste um die Republik  
                  Österreich"

## MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Word Equestrian Festival Aachen

Chairman of the Society of Friends and Patrons of the Dramaturgical Collection at Schloss Wahn