

Biography

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Prof. Dr. h.c. Reinhard Hüttl is Scientific Executive Director and Chairman of the Board at the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam – GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences and President of the National Academy of Science and Engineering (ACATECH). Reinhard Hüttl studied Forest and Soil Sciences at the Albert-Ludwigs-University (ALU), Freiburg, Germany and at the Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA and holds the Chair of Soil Protection and Recultivation at the Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Cottbus-Senftenberg since 1993. Before joining the BTU, Reinhard Hüttl was Assistant Professor in Geobotany at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, USA and, prior to that, Head of the International Research Department at the mining company “Kali und Salz AG” in the BASF Group in Kassel (1986 to 1992).

Reinhard Hüttl also held several advisory positions. From 1995 to 2000 he was member of the German Government’s Council of Experts for Environmental Questions, and from 2000 to 2006 both member and chairman of the German Government’s Scientific Commission of the Science Council. He was also member of the German Government’s Ethics Commission on the Safe and Secure Provision of Energy which was established in March 2011 and presented its final conclusions in July 2011. He is currently member of the Scientific Advisory Board on Forest Policy of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the German Science Academies’ project “Energy Systems of the Future”. Reinhard F. Hüttl is also Chairman of Euro-CASE since May 2013, following his previous position as Vice-Chairman.