

Curriculum vitae Heinz Wanner, born 25 September 1945

Heinz Wanner studied geography, climatology, geology and mathematics in Bern and Grenoble (France). He was strongly influenced by his supervisors Bruno Messerli and Max Schüepp. In his "first scientific life" Heinz Wanner worked on mesoscale dynamics, synoptic and mountain meteorology as well as atmospheric chemistry. He got a postdoc at the Atmospheric Science Department of the Colorado State University in Fort Collins, worked as a deputy operations director of the GARP ALPEX programme and was a co-director of the Swiss research programme on meteorology and air pollution (POLLUMET).

After being nominated a full professor at the University of Bern in 1988, his late colleague Hans Oeschger pushed Heinz Wanner to jump into a "second scientific life". Since this time Heinz Wanner works on paleoclimate reconstructions and diagnostics at different time scales between the last few hundred years and the Holocene. He collaborates with colleagues from different disciplines and is interested in studying the feedbacks between climate change and human development. From 2001 to 2008 Heinz Wanner was the acting director of the Swiss National Climate Research Programme NCCR. He was president of ProClim, the Swiss Forum for Climate and Global Change and the founding president of OcCC, the climate advisory board of the Swiss government. From 2005-2010 Heinz Wanner was co-chair of PAGES, IGBP's project on Past Global Change. From 2007-2010 he acted as founding president of the Oeschger Centre of Climate Change Research at the University of Bern. He retired in 2010, works now as a senior scientist in the Oeschger Centre and was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) until 2015.

Heinz Wanner is a honorary member of the Swiss Academy of Science and a member of the German National Academy Leopoldina. He got the honorary medal of the Masaryk University Brno in 2005 and won the Vautrin Lud prize, the unofficial nobel prize in geography, in 2006. In 2009 he was awarded with the honorary doctor of the Humboldt University of Berlin.