

Ranga YOGESHWAR

was born on 18th May 1959 in Luxembourg as a son of an Indian physicist/engineer and a Luxembourgian artist. He is a grandson of Shiyali Ramamrita RANGANATHAN (1892-1972), the 'Father of Library Science' in India, who gained world fame for his "Five Laws of Library Science".

EDUCATION

After attending primary and secondary schools in India and Luxembourg, he completed high school studies at the Lycée Classique Diekirch (Luxembourg). In parallel he went through a course in Music at the Conservatoire of the City of Luxembourg, specialising in the piano.

He obtained his degree of Diplomphysiker at Aachen University (Germany) with specialisation in Experimental Particle Physics and Astrophysics. He complemented this by working at the Swiss Institute for Nuclear Research (SIN), at the CERN in Geneva and at the Research Centre, Jülich (Germany).

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Ranga Yogeshwar commenced his professional career in journalism in 1983, initially working with various publishing houses, later leading on to activities in Radio and Television. During a sojourn in India in 1985, he conducted seminars and conferences at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and other institutions.

Since 1987 he has been active as Science Editor at WDR-Germany TV, the nationwide German TV-network of public rights. He presented and produced innumerable programmes (Wissenschaftsshow, Kopfball, Bilder aus der Wissenschaft, Lillipuz, Wissenschaft Live, Globus).

Between 1995 and 2001, he was Acting Chief and between 2001 to 2005 the Chief of the Science TV Programme Group at WDR.

After a sabbatical in 2005-2006, Yogeshwar founded his own company xplainy. GmbH and works as an independent author and moderator. As of now, he presents TV programmes: "Quarks & Co" (WDR), "W-wie-Wissen" (ARD), "Wissenschaftsforum" (Phoenix) and "Die Grosse Show der Naturwunder" (ARD). Yogeshwar has over 1000 TV shows and many Radio presentations to his credit. He is author/co-author of several newspaper and magazine columns and articles in learned periodicals. He has also published many books.

His other regular activities include leading group discussions, in addition to holding lectures in Germany and other countries in various parts of the world.

He is engaged in many national and international projects and is member of boards and committees of institutions in the fields of Innovation, Education and Knowledge Propagation.

Since years he has been supporting a project for relief of victims of land mines in Kampuchea in cooperation with Misereor and was active in providing and



organising help to Tsunami victims in India. He is a founder member of the Children's and Youth Foundation of Hennef.

His hobbies centre on his family, music and astronomy (MPC-Code B43). The asteroid 20522, discovered by André Knöfel in September 1999 has been named after him.

Ranga Yogeshwar is married to the classical soprano singer Ursula Müller. They have four children and live together with their 3 cats and dog shanti close to Hennef near Cologne, Germany.

AWARDS and DECORATIONS (a selection)

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- Helmut Schmidt Journalistenpreis (1998)
- Georg von Holtzbrinck Preis für Journalistik (1998)
- Deutscher Denkmalschutzpreis (1998)
- Preis der deutschen Influenzagesellschaft (1998)
- Journalistenpreis der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Ernährung (1996 und 2001)
- Grand Prix des Ekotop-Filmfestivals (1997 und 1998)
- Preis der Bundeszahnärztekammer (1999)
- Eduard-Rhein Kulturpreis (2000)
- Essener Universitätspreis (2000)
- Prix Leonardo Parma, Grand Prix (2001)
- Prix medial (2002, verliehen von der Fernsehzeitschrift Prisma)
- Oskar-von-Miller-Medaille in Gold des Deutschen Museums München (2002)
- Medaille für Naturwissenschaftliche Publizistik der Deutschen Physikalischen Gesellschaft (2002)
- Grimme Preis (Besondere Ehrung des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes) (2003)
- Apollonia Preis, Münster (2003)
- „Bornheimer“, pädagogischer Ehrenpreis der Europaschule Bornheim (2004)
- Ludwig-Bölkow Journalistenpreis (2005)
- „Journalist des Jahres“, Kategorie Wissenschaft 3.Platz“ (2005)
- Ludwig-Demling Medienpreis (2006)
- Preis für Wissenschaftspublizistik der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie (2006)
- Ernst Schneider IHK Medienpreis (2006)
- „Minerva Preis“ Jülich (2006)
- „Journalist des Jahres“, Kategorie Wissenschaft 1.Platz“ (2007)
- Deutscher IQ-Preis 2007 von Mensa in Deutschland (2007)
- Verdienstorden der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (2007)
- Ludwig-Demling Medienpreis (2007)

- Preis für Wissenschaftsjournalismus der RWTH-Aachen (2007)
- Hans Bausch Medienpreis des SWR (2007)
- Publizistikpreis Video 2008 GlaxoSmithKline Stiftung (2008)
- Publizistikpreis der Stiftung Gesundheit (2008)
- Europäischer Journalistenpreis (Verband Deutscher Medizinjournalisten)(2008)
- Stiftung Rufzeichen Gesundheit (Medienpreis 2008)
- SV Stiftung, SV Medienpreis 2008
- Nominierung Deutscher Fernsehpreis (2008)

MEMBERSHIPS ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Max-Planck Institut für Gravitationsphysik, Golm
- Max-Planck Institut für Astronomie, Heidelberg
- Max-Planck Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin
- Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen
- Junge Presse NRW (JPNW)
- Wissenschaft im Dialog
- Phänomenta Lüdenscheid e.V.
- Cologne Science Center (1999-2002)
- Gasometer Oberhausen (bis 2006)
- Verein zur Förderung der gesunden Ernährung und Diätetik e.V.
- Politik digital
- e-initiative NRW
- Kinder- und Jugendstiftung, Hennef
- Mitglied im Rat für Nachhaltige Entwicklung der Bundesrepublik (until2007)

MEMBERSHIPS OF JURIES

- Enterpreis - Grundschulen ans Netz (Juryvorsitz) (2000)
- Aktionsprogramm PUSH (1999-2002)
- Zukunftswettbewerb Hörzu (2000)
- Journalistenpreis der European Molecular Biology Organisation (2002)
- Braunschweig Preis
- Deutscher Bücherpreis
- HEUREKA Journalistenpreis
- Wettbewerb „Stadt der Wissenschaft“

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