

Biography

Dipl.-Phys. Udo Möhrstedt

Date of Birth 27.05.1940, Recklinghausen

Education

1960-1967 Physics
Wilhelms-Universität Münster and
Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Work Experience

1967-1979 Varta AG, Frankfurt / Main,
Hannover
Head of Application Technology

1980 MOLL Akkumulatoren

1982 Founding of an engineering firm for
battery and solar technology
(International Battery and
Solarpower Company)

Since the mid-1980s Sales of photovoltaic components through the company "IBC
Solartechnik"

1985 Creation of a PV retailer network supported by technical,
instructional seminars

1986 Co-founder of the Kloster Banz PV-Symposium (Symposium for
Photovoltaic Solar Energy)

1988 Co-founder of the Solarthermic Symposium at Kloster Banz

1990 Founding of FEGmbH, Sömmerda (Development and
manufacturing of components and inverters for PV installations,
Sales)

1993 Founding of Solarwatt Systems, Dresden (development and
manufacturing of client-specific solar modules, design, sales
and construction of PV systems)

2000 IBC Solartechnik becomes IBC SOLAR AG (unlisted)

From 2000 Founding of IBC subsidiaries in Europe and Asia

2003 Founding of IBC-Solarstrom Verwaltungs GmbH (initiation,
construction, marketing and administration of closed funds)



2009	Awarded Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young
2012	Awarded with the „Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland“ (Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany)

About Udo Möhrstedt

- “Quality, not quantity” and “Think globally – trade locally” are still the mottos on which the worldwide PV firm was founded.
- During the first oil crisis (1973/1974) Udo Möhrstedt began considering how to secure an electricity supply independent of oil.
- The first “PV plants” were off-grid, installed on hunting lodges, country houses and remote buildings. His vision to build on-grid installations was later made possible by the feed-in tariff introduced in 1991.
- When Udo Möhrstedt co-founded the Banzer PV-Symposium almost 25 years ago (and the Thermic-Symposium a few years later), he demonstrated not only his optimism, but his farsightedness as well. The annual PV-Symposium in the Banz Monastery today counts among the most important forums in the industry.
- From the 1996 to 2002 he represented the interests of the German PV industry as Member of the Executive Board and Spokesman of the Board for the German Federal Association for Solar Energy (Bundesverband Solarenergie). He played an important role in the fusion of the industry associations of the solarthermic and photovoltaic branches into the German Federal Association for the Solar Industry.
- Today, Udo Möhrstedt, among other positions of responsibility, is member of the Energy Advisory Board for the Bavarian State Ministry for Economics, Transport and Infrastructure; he is the main sponsor of the “Lichtenfelser Sonnentage” Energy Sponsorship Award and he is also a member of the environmental cluster of Energy Technology as part of the Allianz Bavaria Innovative / Cluster Offensive Bavaria.
- For his significant engagement in the renewable energy industry, the solar pioneer received the “Technology Transfer Prize” from the OTTI (East Bavarian Technology Transfer Institute), the “Merkur” and the “Bavarian Environmental Medal”.
- In 2009, Möhrstedt was awarded Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young. This was in recognition of the outstanding role he played as solar pioneer in the development of the solar and renewable energy industry.
- For his long-lasting commitment Udo Möhrstedt has been awarded the „Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland“ (Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany) in 2012. Thereby his entrepreneurial devotion for Germany’s attractiveness as a economic- and technology location is honored, as well as his honorary engagement for a sustainable usage of renewable energies and his numerous initiatives in politics and economy.