



## Press release

Joint award from the DVR, EVU, and DEKRA

# Joachim Werner honored with the European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award

**Joachim Werner is to be honored with the 2020 European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award. The veteran engineer at Iveco will receive the award, which has been given jointly by three organizations every year since 1990. The awarding bodies are: the European Association for Accident Research and Analysis (EVU), the German expert organization DEKRA, and the German Road Safety Council (DVR).**

“Joachim Werner has made an outstanding contribution to ensuring the future viability of commercial vehicles, in different ways and in a variety of roles,” said the president of the EVU, **Jörg Ahlgrimm**. “His contributions to both active and passive safety, as well as to the sustainability of medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks, have been many and varied. This year, we are once again honoring a worthy winner.”

Joachim Werner studied mechanical engineering in Stuttgart, specializing in automotive engineering. In 1987, he started working as a design engineer at Iveco Magirus AG in Ulm. Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, including in his roles as Head of Technical Analyses and as Stralis Truck Safety project manager, Werner played a role in further developing passive truck safety systems, such as an integral cab safety concept for protecting occupants. This development set standards at the time and is still in use, in an improved form, to this day. As part of his responsibilities as Chief Engineer during the development of the Iveco Stralis XP, and as the “Advanced Platform” platform manager, he made major contributions to the development of active driver assistance systems such as the lane guard assistant, automated emergency braking, and automatic distance control. Later, he worked as Chief Engineer for the CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Roadmap, focusing on areas including gas-powered and battery-powered trucks.

“Road safety in commercial vehicles has improved significantly in the last few decades. In particular, active safety systems that help to prevent accidents have huge potential to save lives considering how heavy these vehicles are,” said the president of the DVR, **Prof. Walter Eichendorf**. “We are honoring Joachim Werner at Iveco with the European Safety Award for his role in these achievements.”

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**Jann Fehlauer**, Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH, said: “Technology that is initially installed in commercial vehicles usually finds its way into passenger vehicles next, meaning it can be found in all areas of road traffic. This applies not only to safety technology, but also to fuel and sustainability.”

One example of a technology that is already available and can save a considerable amount of CO<sub>2</sub> is the use of bio-LNG, i.e., sustainably produced liquefied methane gas, to power trucks. According to figures from the German Energy Agency, bio-LNG enables a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of more than 80 per cent in comparison with a diesel-powered truck. Joachim Werner has helped ensure that, nowadays, over 45,000 gas-powered Iveco vehicles which can run on bio-methane are on the roads in Europe.

“In Joachim Werner we are honoring an engineer who, alongside his work to improve safety, has made and continues to make significant contributions to sustainability,” said Jann Fehlauer.

A date for the official awarding of the European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award to Joachim Werner has not yet been planned due to the current situation caused by the pandemic.

**List of recipients to date:**

- 1990 Professor Pal Striffler (Daimler), Hungary
- 1991 Professor Nikolaus Marx (University of Bremen), Germany
- 1992 Professor Ernst Göhring (Daimler), Germany
- 1993 Professor Klaus Langwieder (European Insurances Association), Germany
- 1994 Professor Egon-Christian von Glasner (Daimler), Germany
- 1995 Professor Gyula Köfalvi (Széchenyi István University), Győr, Hungary
- 1996 Siegfried Werber (DVR), Germany
- 1997 Professor Pál Michelberger (University of Budapest, President of FISITA), Hungary
- 1998 Eric Thoms (Scania), Sweden
- 1999 Toru Kajiyama (Isuzu), Japan
- 2000 Richard Hildebrandt (Allied Signal), USA
- 2001 Paul Oppenheimer MBE (Lucas-Girling), Great Britain
- 2002 Professor Jovan Todorovic (University of Belgrade), Serbia
- 2003 Bernard Tripier (Bosch), France
- 2004 Professor Sigmar Micke (Bosch), USA
- 2005 Friedrich-Wilhelm Matzner (Bendiberica), Spain
- 2006 Dr. Fujio Momiyama (Hino), Japan
- 2007 Dr. Jürgen Trost (Daimler), Germany
- 2008 Lennart Svenson (Volvo), Sweden
- 2009 Professor László Palkovics (Knorr), Hungary
- 2010 Professor Hartmut Marwitz (Daimler), Germany
- 2011 Hidehiko Enomoto (Hino), Japan
- 2012 Eberhard Hipp (MAN), Germany
- 2013 Christian Börner (BG Fahrzeuge), Germany

2014 Dr. Erwin Petersen (WABCO), Germany  
2015 Professor Jörg Zürn (Daimler), Germany  
2016 Dr. Christian Wiehen (WABCO), Germany  
2017 Fredrich Claezon (Scania), Sweden  
2018 Alexander Berg (DEKRA), Germany  
2019 Dr. Stefan Guserle (MAN), Germany  
2020 Kay Morschheuser (Daimler), Germany  
2021 Joachim Werner (Iveco), Germany