Ehlers Jürgen

Jürgen Ehlers, born 1929, studied physics, mathematics, and philosophy at the university of Hamburg. There he received his PhD in 1958 and habilitated himself in 1962. After working at the universities of Kiel, Syracuse (New York) and Hamburg he joined the Graduate Research Center of the South West in Dallas/USA (1964-65) and then went to the university of Texas at Austin where he became Professor of Physics in 1967. In 1971 J.E. accepted a position at the Max Planck Institute Physics and Astrophysics in Munich where he led a relativity group. From 1995 to 1998 he was director of the Max Planck Institute of Gravitational Physics in Golm/Potsdam which had been founded on his initiative.

J.E. is a member of several German academies. From 1995 to 1997 he was elected President of the “International Society of General Relativity and Gravitation”. In 2002 he was awarded the Max Planck Medal of the German Physical Society, in 2005 the University of Padova honoured him with the Golden Volta Medal. In the same year he was appointed honorary fellow of the Inter-University-Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA, India).

Some publications since 2000