

Press Release



Dieter Kosslick to receive the Innovation Prize from the International Economic Forum Baden-Baden (IEF)

Dieter Kosslick, the Director of the Berlinale, will be awarded the IEF Innovation Prize in recognition of his cultural achievements that promote Germany's international reputation. Actress Maria Furtwängler will hold the speech in honour of Dieter Kosslick.

The awards ceremony will be held on October 17th at the 4th International Economic Forum Baden-Baden. This year the IEF, under the theme "Globalisation: value(less)?" and the patronage of Federal Finance Minister Dr Wolfgang Schäuble, is dedicated to various aspects of the worldwide globalisation process.

IEF Congress initiator Reinhard Hofmann says regarding the Innovation Prize: "As the Director of the Berlinale and its inspiring force, but also as the former Vice President of the European Film Academy EFA, Dieter Kosslick has done extraordinary work for the reputation of German film."

"I thank the IEF for this honourable distinction. It confirms my credo that culture and economy are not opposites, and that culture shapes the image of a country and its international reputation," comments Dieter Kosslick.

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