Distinguished Research Award 2017 for Ortwin Renn

Annual conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management in Reykjavik

The International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management (IDRiM) honoured Professor Ortwin Renn with the Distinguished Research Award 2017 in the framework of its annual conference in Reykjavik (Iceland). Professor Renn is a Professor at the University of Stuttgart on leave and, until his assumption of office as Scientific Director at the Institute for Sustainability Studies (IASS) in February 2016, was Professor for Environmental and Technological Sociology at the Institute for Social Sciences (SOWI V) at the University Stuttgart.

At the award ceremony in Reykjavik IDRiM President Professor Adam Rose from the University of Southern California (USA) underlined the leading role Ortwin Renn played in the development of the internationally accepted risk governance framework by the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC Risk Governance Framework). In addition Professor Renn’s contribution to the understanding of complex and systemic risks as well as to the optimisation of practical risk policy and communication were also honoured. Professor Renn succeeded in his research work in building a productive bridge between sustainability research and risk analysis, according to the IDRiM President Adam Rose.

The IDRiM prize has been awarded annually since 2012 to an excellent personality in the field of disaster and risk management research.