

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Rainer Gross Award

Gran Canaria, November 2014



Welcome – representative of HGF  
This year's award ceremony  
Session dedicated to Rainer's legacy  
Two close friends refreshed our memories

**Legacy** ⇒ **not memories alone**  
⇒ **keep curious spirit alive**

**Hildegard Grunow Foundation** ⇒ sponsors RGA  
very small - funded by the heritage of late **Hildegard Grunow**  
founded in 2007 by NWS, KN and KS ⇒ clearly research-oriented



**Task:** capacity building in nutrition;  
hatch, test & monitor new ideas  
„incubation aid“ for new faces & concepts

**7 short years: HGF was not idle:**

- ⇒ supported **>70** careers of nutritionists **in and from** developing countries  
(provide working opportunities in Guatemala)
- ⇒ it launched **>80** publications (capacity building)
  - funds ↔ ideas
  - know-how, personal commitment



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## **Bulk of problems in nutrition**

- „drop in the ocean“
- How can we help to solve the scope of problems?



## **Thinking of how would Rainer have gone about this?**

- Looking for promising approach ⇒ „brain-storming conclave“
- Continuous flow of problems ⇒ invite continuous innovative thinking
- ⇒ donate a prize for sustainable & innovative problem-solving ideas

**Scope of submissions** → assess the array of current problems  
→ propose possible solutions

**Evolution:** → mutations propose new concepts  
→ mechanism to select the fittest concepts

## Competent council of jurors to make the choice

### **Irwin H. Rosenberg**

Professor of Nutrition,  
Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy  
Director, Neuroscience and Aging Laboratory, Tufts University



### **Joachim von Braun**

Professor for Economics and Technological Change,  
University of Bonn  
Director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF Bonn)



### **Richard J. Deckelbaum**

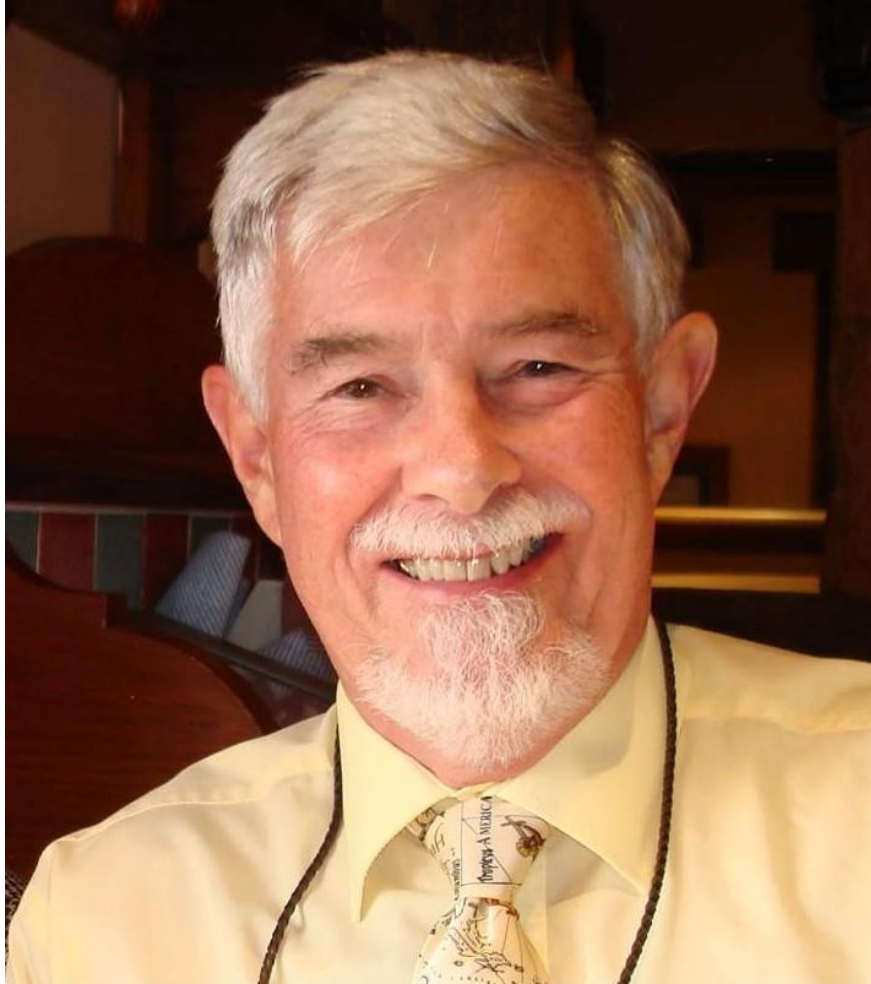
Professor of Nutrition, Pediatrics and Epidemiology  
Director Institute of Human Nutrition,  
Columbia University, New York



THANKS for the prestigious support to Rainer's  
legacy of innovative & sustainable problem solving

**Invite you all to apply for the RGP in 2016**

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**David Thurnham**

**Meta-analysis on the impact  
of inflammation on the  
assessment of vitamin A status**

Best example of rigid analysis applied  
to a burning problem in „Third World Nutrition“