

Peter Preuss

President and Founder, The Preuss Foundation, Inc.



Mr. Preuss was born in Berlin, Germany, and received his undergraduate education at the Technical University of Hanover. He was elected to an honorary fellowship, which allowed him to enroll in the Graduate School of Mathematics at the University of California, San Diego, where he earned a Master's Degree. He had completed most of the work toward a PhD when he founded Integrated Software Systems Corporation (ISSCO), the first software company specializing in computer graphics, in 1970. He served as president and later chairman of the board of ISSCO until it was purchased by Computer Associates in 1986. Mr.

Preuss was a founder and long-time director of the National Computer Graphics Association. He has served on the Board of Directors of many companies: Biosym Technologies, Inc., CENTRAX Corporation, Dr. Design, Inc., DepoTech Corporation, DOME Imaging Systems, Inc., EGEA Biosciences, Inc., GPC-Biotech GmbH, Network Computing Devices, Inc., Overland Storage, Inc., Sierra Geophysics, Inc., Execucom, Westec Services, and Wright Strategies, Inc.

In 1985, Mr. Preuss founded The Preuss Foundation, Inc., which specializes in fostering communication among cancer scientists. The Preuss Foundation has hosted and sponsored seminars and conferences for specialty areas of cancer research as they pertain to CNS malignancies. The foundation has also funded many research projects since its inception, and founded the Preuss Laboratory for Molecular Neuro-Oncology in San Francisco and the Preuss Laboratory for Brain Tumor Research at Duke University Medical Center.

Mr. Preuss is a Regent for the University of California and served a term on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the NIH. He serves or has served on the boards of the following institutions: The National Brain Tumor Foundation, Duke University Cancer Center Board of Overseers, Dartmouth Medical School, The Board of Trustees, The Children's Hospital and Health Center of San Diego, the Board of Overseers of the University of California, San Diego, Board of Overseers, Dartmouth Medical School, the California Council on Science and Technology and The Bishop's School Board of Trustees. He is a past president of the University of California, San Diego Cancer Center Foundation, and served on its board of directors since 1984. He has served on the Scripps-UCSD Joint Cancer Institute Planning Committee. Mr. Preuss is also an active member of the UCSD-CONNECT Steering Committee and sits on the board of the San Diego BioCommerce Association, Inc. In addition, he serves on the Board of Trustees of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute and the Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach. He has been presented with the Special Recognition Award of the National Computer Graphics Association and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons for his outstanding contributions to neuro-oncology.