

CV Wolfgang Schmidt

Wolfgang Schmidt has been connected to the steel industry for almost 60 years, starting with work in a pipe mill during his college years in the mid 1950's. Schmidt graduated in chemical engineering in Germany and with an MBA in the U.S.

He was managing director of a large diameter pipe joint venture in Germany and of an OTCG plant in Texas before he managed the German flange mill and its U.S. subsidiary. His travels took him to almost every corner on the globe.

During his career Schmidt was manager of quality assurance in pipe mills and headed product development and applications engineering departments.

He served on the Committee for Standardization of the American Petroleum Institute for ten years. He was a member of several German and European committees on Pipeline Design and Safety. He is the author of numerous articles and publications related to steel, pipe design, safety, marketing, and steel politics.

Schmidt served for ten years on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Houston World Trade Association (Division of the Greater Houston Partnership). After 15 years of active duty on the board of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States (and its predecessor), Schmidt is now the first Honorary Member of the Board of Directors from the Southwest Region of that organization.

Until mandatory retirement age he served on the Foreign Trade Advisory Council of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and was a member of the "Atlantik-Brücke" (Atlantic Bridge). During his time in Germany he served on *ad hoc* committees of German industrial associations (BDI and IHK). He maintains memberships in several scientific, engineering, business, and civic associations in the U.S. and in Germany.

After reunification he privatized a company in Saxony-Anhalt, and is the managing director of a family business. He is the Founding President of the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association. He holds the Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, is a Honorary Citizen of Texas, and received the Needle of Honor from the City of Leipzig.