

Federal Cross of Merit 1st Class of Germany awarded to
Ricardo Melchior, the inaugurator and idealistic sponsor of
the **Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity**



After the conferring ceremony: Ricardo Melchior (right) next to Honorary Consul of Germany in Tenerife, Ingo Pangels

Ricardo Melchior Navarro since 1999 has held the Presidency of the Council of Tenerife (Cabildo) after serving as vice president from 1987 to 1999. Born in Santa Cruz de Tenerife on February 18, 1947, is married and has two children. Between 2004 and 2008 he was Senator representing Tenerife in Madrid.

He had been trained at the University of Navarra as Industrial Engineer specializing in Industrial Organization and received a doctoral degree in economics from the Technical University of Aachen in Germany, studies conducted through a grant from the German government.

His political career began in 1987 with access to the Vice President of the Cabildo, a position he has combined with insular counselor Planning and Economic Development (1987-1991), Agriculture and Economic Development (1991-1995) and Agriculture and Water (1995-1999).

During the past decades, he has been working in research, development and innovation of renewable energy held in all states of the European Union, with active participation in seminars, congresses and conferences related to these matters. Expert research and development (R&D) of the European Union he is also a member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute of Solar Energy in Germany and founder of European Solar Council (Paris Club), the European Communities for Renewable Energy (CERE) and the European Agency for Renewable Energy and President of the Board of the Teide National Park.

Excels his appointment as Honorary Doctor of Science from the National University of Ireland, in the field of biletul zilei pariuri cota 2 renewable energy, a distinction which was delivered on May 10, 2002 at University College Cork.

Ricardo Melchior, now retired Ex-President of the Government of Tenerife, from the very beginning in 2011 / 2012 was supporting the project of the **Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity** (HCM) (www.humboldt-cosmos-multiversity.org) today (2014) still undersuccessful development. Together with his friend and colleague in Government, Consejero **Eduardo Pintado**, he donated for use the *La Casona* convention building in Tacoronte, serving as the No.1. seminar, workshop and think tank location of the HCM.

On April 15th, 2014, Don Ricardo received the “Federal Order of Merit 1st Class of the Republic of Germany” granted by Germany’s President Joachim Gauck who also has signed the charter in appreciation of Ricardo Melchior’s multiple achievements in the cooperation between and in favor of Germany and Tenerife, as well as for his engagements in projects with and for German citizens and bodies, in specific in culture, tourism, science and infrastructure and energy engineering.

Günter Koch, the President of the Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity, was amongst the first congratulators and attended the ceremony of the conferring of the order. He was confirmed by Ricardo Melchior in his sustained support of the Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity project, which is a common venture between the Government of Tenerife, the local university ULL and the HCM association. The mission of the HCM is to elaborate and study subjects in the scope of the so called Grand Challenges which the European Union (and beyond) and its Knowledge Society will have to face and stand over the coming years.



During the conferring event: Ricardo Melchior (left.) with the President of the der Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity, Günter Koch