

# the heiligendamm round table



**peter riederer**

**drug treatment of parkinson's  
disease: how it all started**



## invitation

**parkinson's disease is one of the most important movement disorders. it affects large numbers of patients. the burden of disease is tremendous. nowadays, numerous drugs are available for its symptomatic treatment. the backbone of parkinson's disease treatment, however, is the dopamine replacement therapy. this treatment concept is a brilliant example of a rational drug development based on neuropathology, biochemistry and pharmacology.**

**how did this concept emerge? what were the obstacles? how could they be overcome? who was involved? how did this idea spread?**

**Peter Riederer, one of the world experts of clinical neurochemistry, was there where the dopamine replacement therapy was developed.**

**who could better answer our questions?**

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## **peter riederer**

**born in 1942 in königsberg, germany professor riederer grew up in vienna, austria and graduated in 1968 from technical university vienna with a degree in technical chemistry. after a research stay at nuclear research centre seibersdorf, austria from 1968-1970 he received a doctorate in engineering. from 1971-1986 he was head of clinical neurochemistry at the ludwig-boltzmann institutes of neurochemistry and clinical neurobiology in vienna and - at the same time - he was appointed professor at technical university vienna. from 1986-2008 he served as head of clinical neurochemistry at the department of psychiatry of würzburg university.**

**he published extensively on various aspects of clinical neurochemistry. he is one of the world experts of neurochemistry of parkinson's disease.**



## heiligendamm

**in 1793 friedrich-franz I, duke of mecklenburg schwerin, took his first bath in the sea at 'heiligen damm' and this marked the birth of the first german seaside resort. between 1793 and 1870, the architects von seydwitz, severin and demmler created a unique ensemble of bathing and lodging houses. nearby, the first racecourse on the european continent was opened in 1823.**

**since its foundation, heiligendamm was the most elegant seaside resort in germany. european aristocracy, including the tsar's family, used to spend their summer vacations here. heiligendamm remained an exclusive spa into the 1930's. after extensive renovations heiligendamm was re-opened as a luxury hotel and spa in 2003. in 2007 it was host to the international G8 summit.**



## meeting details

### date

july 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 17:00 s.t.

### venue

grand hotel heiligendamm

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a light buffet will be served after the meeting

the number of participants is limited

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