



## **Professor Dr. Wolfgang Sandner (1949-2015)**

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We are saddened by the death of Professor Dr. Wolfgang Sandner, former director of the Max Born Institute in Berlin, Germany (1993-2013), and most recently Trustee of the Berthold Leibinger Stiftung (Foundation).

Professor Sandner's scientific leadership most recently included basic research into light-matter interaction at ultra-high intensities, encompassing the development and application of short-pulse lasers of highest peak and average power for laser particle acceleration, research on and with laser-based UV- and X-ray sources, as well as special lasers for special applications (Free Electron Lasers). He authored more than 200 publications in peer reviewed international journals.

After he became director of the MBI Professor Sandner was called into many national and international organizations of science and of research policy particularly in the EU, as an advisor to the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and as a member of scientific advisory boards of many research institutes, including ICFO. Starting in, 2003, he was the coordinator of the European Union Research Infrastructure Network LASERLAB EUROPE.