

**Professor of Economic and Business History at the University of Erlangen
die 21 June 2010**



Prof. Wilfried Feldenkirchen

On June 21, 2010 Prof. Wilfried Feldenkirchen was fatally injured during a test drive of the “Elektrische Viktoria” in the Black Forest, close to the factory where the vehicle was built. Over the last year Prof. Feldenkirchen had overseen the construction project for the “Viktoria” replica on Siemens’ behalf. He was passionately devoted to the reconstruction of the historic electric car, which was unveiled to the public and the German Chancellor in Berlin just a few weeks ago.

Prof. Wilfried Feldenkirchen was a highly esteemed economic and corporate historian, who devoted many years of his professional life to Werner von Siemens and the house of Siemens, earning him great respect throughout the company. Since 1984 he had served in an advisory role for Siemens AG and was for many years chief scientist of the Siemens Archive and the Siemens Forums, which were founded on his initiative.

Prof. Wilfried Feldenkirchen, who was born in 1947, studied economic science, history and English at the Universities of Cologne and Bonn. After gaining a doctorate in 1974, he worked as a scientific assistant, and in 1980 earned a post-doctoral lecturing qualification with his work on “Growth, Financing and

Organizational Structure in Major Companies in the Iron and Steel Sector". After a professorship in Bonn, he held an academic chair in Saarbrücken and from 1990 was Professor of Economic, Social and Corporate History at the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. Prof. Feldenkirchen published numerous monographs and articles in scientific periodicals. In 1982 he received the Maier-Leibnitz prize, and in 1987 was awarded the Newcomen Prize.