

## Presentation of the Körper Prize 2019 Bernhard Schölkopf to receive the Körper Prize at Hamburg City Hall on 13 September

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**Hamburg, 2 September 2019.** The German physicist, mathematician and computer scientist Bernhard Schölkopf is to receive the 2019 Körper European Science Prize, endowed with 1,000,000 euros. The researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems in Tübingen has developed mathematical methods that have made a major contribution to artificial intelligence (AI) reaching its most recent heights. Schölkopf has achieved worldwide renown with support-vector machines.

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You are cordially invited to the

### Presentation of the Körper European Science Prize 2019

on Friday, 13 September 2019, 10.00 to 11.30 am,  
Great Festival Hall of Hamburg City Hall,  
Rathausmarkt 1, 20095 Hamburg

### Programme

- Words of welcome from **Dr. Peter Tschentscher**, First Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- Words of welcome from **Dr. Lothar Dittmer**, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Körper Foundation
- **Ranga Yogeshwar**, science journalist, in conversation with Prof. Dr. Bernhard Schölkopf; film
- Ranga Yogeshwar in conversation with **Prof. Dr. Martin Stratmann**, President of the Max Planck Society and Chairman of the Körper Prize Trustee Committee
- Presentation of the certificate by Prof. Dr. Martin Stratmann and Dr. Lothar Dittmer

We would be delighted to welcome you to the presentation ceremony. If you are accredited by Hamburg City Hall, registration is not necessary. Otherwise, and if you have any questions or are interested in an interview, please contact Julian Claaßen, Körper-Stiftung Press and Communications Officer: [claaßen@koerber-stiftung.de](mailto:claaßen@koerber-stiftung.de), telephone: +49 (0)40 - 808 192 233.

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### **Interview appointments**

Interviews with the prize winner Bernhard Schölkopf are possible by arrangement directly before the ceremony or in the afternoon.

Prof. Dr. Martin Stratmann, Chairman of the Körber Prize Trustee Committee and Prof. Dr. Sir John O'Reilly, Chairman of the Search Committee Physical Science are also available for interviews.

### **Körber Lecture**

On 12 September, 2019 at 4 pm Bernhard Schölkopf will give a Körber Lecture entitled "Organizing principles underlying artificial intelligence" in lecture hall H1 of the University of Hamburg, Department of Mathematics, Geomatikum, Bundesstr. 55, 20146 Hamburg. You are also cordially invited to attend this event.

### **Further information**

- [Press release](#) (PDF) dated 26 June 2019
- [Vita](#) and [portrait photos](#) of the prize winner
- Film about Bernhard Schölkopf and his research work (WAGNERVision): Film sequences for pre-reporting can be used on request.
- Live stream of the presentation ceremony: from 10 am at [www.koerber-preis.de](http://www.koerber-preis.de)
- Photos of the presentation ceremony: free download from 2 pm at [Koerber prize](#).

At 1,000,000 euros, the Körber European Science Prize is one of the most highly endowed research prizes. Every year since 1985, the Körber Foundation has awarded this prize for a major breakthrough in the life or physical sciences in Europe.

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