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Rüdiger Wehner, born in 1940, studied biology and chemistry at the University of Frankfurt am Main, where he completed his doctorate on a sensory-physiological subject in 1967. Following a research fellowship at Yale University he became a Full Professor at the University of Zurich in 1974, where he was Director of the Zoological Institute from 1986 to 2005. He was then Emeritus Research Professor in Zurich. He is currently working at the Zurich-based Institute for Brain Research and as a Humboldt Prize winner at the Biocenter of the University of Würzburg. His main field of research is behavioural and neurological biology of insects, particularly their visual perception performance.

Rüdiger Wehner was A.D. White Professor (at Large) at Cornell University. As a Permanent Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study Berlin he established the bioscience research programs. He is a Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, member of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, and the Royal Swedish Physiographic Society. He serves as a member of the Austrian Science Council and the Advisory Board of the Center for Integrative Neurosciences in Tübingen, the Senckenberg Research Institute in Frankfurt am Main, the Institute for Advanced Study in Delmenhorst, and the Humboldt University in Berlin.