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Born in Dortmund, Germany, Rolf Thüsing completed his law studies at the Universities of Heidelberg and Cologne. He began his distinguished career at the Confederation of German Employers’ Associations in Cologne in 1966, heading the International Social Policy and European Community department between 1991 and 1994. He became a member of the Confederation’s executive board in 1991.

From that year, Dr. Thüsing was the German Employer delegate to the International Labour Conference, becoming a member of the ILO Governing Body in 1992, where he was a vocal advocate for the employer cause. His contributions to the debates were widely appreciated and recognised by his employer, worker and government colleagues alike. As a reflection of his achievements, he was elected Vice-Chairman of the IOE’s Executive Committee in 1998. In 1994, his work on behalf of European employers was recognised by the Union of Industrial and Employers’ Confederations of Europe (now BUSINESSEUROPE).

Rolf Thüsing was also a respected author, producing publications on workers’ participation, European social policy and European company law.

Employer members of the ILO Governing Body, and members of the IOE around the world, have expressed their gratitude for having had the opportunity to know and to work with him.

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