

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Franz Leberl

Franz Leberl grew up in Austria and received his degrees from Vienna University of Technology. He worked in the Netherlands, California, Minnesota, Colorado and Austria. Today he is a chaired professor of Computer Science at Graz University of Technology in Graz.

Franz Leberl founded Vexcel Corporation in Boulder (Colorado, 1985) and Vexcel Imaging GmbH (Austria, 1993, manufacturer of the UltraCam Digital Large Format Aerial Camera). He was CEO of the Austrian Research Centers (1996-1998) with 1000 employees. In the period 2000-2004 he was President of Commission III (Theory and Algorithms) of the International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS).

His awards include the Otto-von-Gruber Medal from the ISPRS (1976) and the Fairchild Award from ASPRS (1991). He is a Fellow of the IEEE (1996). In 2005, he was awarded the Grand Decoration of Honor in Silver for Services to the Republic of Austria. In May 2006, Vexcel Corp. and Vexcel Imaging GmbH were sold to Microsoft Corp. (USA), resulting in Franz Leberl's position as a Director of Microsoft Virtual Earth (2006-7).

Now back full-time in academia, he is the Dean of Computer Science at Graz University of Technology (2008-2011). His research interests focus on 3D object reconstruction, perhaps best encapsulated by the idea of "*wearable photogrammetric computer vision*".

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Austrian

1967 Graduation Dipl.-Ing.
1972 Dr. in Photogrammetry
Vienna Univ. of Technology
1976 Habilitation
Graz Univ. of Technology

Academia

Netherlands, California, Austria

Business

CEO, MarkHurd Corp. (Minnesota)
Founder, Vexcel Corp. (Colorado)
Founder, Vexcel Imaging GmbH (Austria)

Research Administration

CEO, Austrian Research Laboratories
Founder, Research Institute Joanneum Research

Learned Societies

President, ISPRS Theory and Algorithms
Founder, Austrian Assoc. Pattern Recognition
Fellow, IEEE

Chaired Professor (since 1992)

Graz Univ. Technology
Head of Institute
Computer Graphics and Vision

Currently on Partial Leave

Selling Shareholder of Vexcel
Microsoft Employment, Virtual Earth
Large Format Digital Aerial Cameras