

American Society for Cybernetics

The Wiener Gold Medal of the American Society for Cybernetics is awarded to

Richard Jung

for outstanding and prolonged lifelong contributions to foundational, integrative philosophical work in cybernetics, and for acting as a cybernetician in academic, civic and political leadership.

> Camouflaged behind a screen of modesty and discretion, Richard Jung has spent a life studying a wide range of subjects forming a foundational framework for cybernetics. Few cyberneticians have developed competence in so many fields and ranges of experience as Richard Jung, integrating them in a profound cybernetic philosophy that culminates in his book "Experience and Action".

Few cyberneticians have worked in such quiet privacy. Yet simultaneously Richard Jung has acted with great effect as a cybernetician: as a teacher, in founding and furthering cybernetic societies and centres including the Centre for Systems Research at Edmonton, and the International Centre for Systems Research in Kutna Hora: and particularly in providing academic, civic and political leadership in the Czech Republic both while in exile and since his return.

> Louis H. Kauffman President of the American Society for Cybernetics 2008.03.28