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Hans-Peter Zoller receives Oskar Messter medal for his life's work

During a function in Koblenz on May 24 Hans-Peter Zoller was presented the 2004 Oskar Messter medal by FK TG, the German society for TV, film and electronic media. Every two years this medal is awarded to a scientist or technician who has made an outstanding, widely respected contribution to cinema technology.

The certificate says that H. P. Zoller received the award for "the decades of successes in the further development of film projection technology which resulted in numerous pioneering technical developments".

During his career, which is inextricably linked with Kinoton's success, Hans-Peter Zoller initiated many very successful inventions for the cinema and made them into popular products. The following are a few outstanding examples:

The "Solo automatic projector", Kinoton's first projector, made the second projection system for change-overs unnecessary and was a great labor saver

With the introduction of cinema automation systems, e.g. the Kinoton matrix programming unit which is still produced today, Hans-Peter Zoller led the way once again.

The non-rewind (platter) system has certainly been the most revolutionary change for projectionists since the invention of sound and is now used around the globe.

H. P. Zoller also invented projectors based on the use of modular components as well as the D drive of today's Kinoton projectors.

The design of Kinoton's film studio systems also began in his era.

Throughout his long professional career H. P. Zoller not only revolutionized cinema technology, but he also built and expanded Kinoton GmbH, ran the company successfully for decades and helped Kinoton products gain worldwide respect.

To Hans-Peter Zoller, who retired a few years ago, the acknowledgement of his life's work with FK TG's Oskar Messter medal is a very special honour and reward.