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## Welcome Address by the Sutor Foundation

Dear Frau Senatorin Prof. Kisseler, dear Mr. President Pelka, dear representatives of ICOMOS, dear guests and participants,

I would like to welcome you all to Hamburg. My name is Dirk Schoch and I am the manager of the Sutor-Stiftung, which is a foundation for science – in architecture and technology.

Werner Sutor founded the Sutor-Stiftung in 1984. Grown up in a Hanseatic banking tradition, his biggest interests were the knowledge of technical mechanisms and the details in architecture.

But he was interested in much more, nearly everything: arts, construction, ships, airplanes and so on. His credo could have been: “Architecture is the mother of all arts!”

The family tradition started much earlier. Sutor’s great-grandfather, Carl Ludwig Wimmel, was the first “Stadtbaudirektor”, director of urban planning.

It was the time of the great fire in 1842, which razed nearly half the city centre of Hamburg. So Wimmel planned the area from the west end of the “Speicherstadt”, up to the “Chilehaus”. He built the stock exchange, which is close to the city hall.

Carl Ludwig Wimmel’s knowledge was based on a broad education. He traveled to other countries, sent by the “Patriotische Gesellschaft” to Rome and to London. Nowadays the Sutor-Foundation follows this tradition by sending graduate students to other universities abroad.

Today we are very glad that all of you are here and will discuss the quality of Port Cities and Harbour Buildings, Speicherstadt and Chilehaus. Let us look at the details and the quality of architecture.

Thank you very much for being here. I hope you will have an interesting conference and a good time in Hamburg.

Dirk C. Schoch