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## **KARL-LUDWIG KLEY RECEIVES WEIZMANN AWARD IN THE SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES**

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Merck, a leading science and technology company, announced that the Weizmann Institute of Science conferred the renowned Weizmann Award in the Sciences and Humanities upon Karl-Ludwig Kley, CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board of Merck.

“It is particularly important to us to acknowledge and honor your support and friendship of Israel and of the Weizmann Institute of Science,” Prof. Daniel Zajfman, President of the Weizmann Institute, said Monday evening when conferring the Weizmann Award in the Sciences and Humanities to Kley. “Throughout your career, you have expressed support and encouragement for Israel science and scientists; have been an exceptional friend to the Weizmann Institute; and have spearheaded and advanced the technology transfer relationship between the Institute and Merck with a goal of improving the lives of many people through better medical therapies.”

“Over the past 10 years, my affection, empathy, and friendship have grown with Israel and with the Weizmann Institute. I know that I am not only receiving an award from partners, but from friends,” Kley said in his speech after having been awarded the prize. “This award will also contribute to further deepening the institutional relationship between the Weizmann Institute and Merck. During the past years we have created a very special bond between Merck and the Weizmann Institute. It will live on.”

Since 1966, the Weizmann Award in the Sciences and Humanities has been granted to a small, distinguished group of world leaders and scientists whom the Weizmann Institute has wished to honor, and to philanthropists and leaders whom the Institute has wished to thank. Awardees include Margaret Thatcher, former Prime

Minister of the United Kingdom, and Jacques Chirac, former President of France. A complete list of awardees is accessible [here](#).

Merck and Weizmann first joined forces in 1978. Since then, the collaboration has yielded innovations that include the intellectual roots of the company's top-selling multiple sclerosis drug Rebif<sup>®</sup>, as well as of Merck's cancer treatment Erbitux<sup>®</sup>.

***About Merck***

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*Founded in 1668, Merck is the world's oldest pharmaceutical and chemical company. The founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed corporate group. Merck, Darmstadt, Germany holds the global rights to the Merck name and brand. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the company operates as EMD Serono, MilliporeSigma and EMD Performance Materials.*

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*The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, is one of the world's top-ranking multidisciplinary research institutions. The Institute's 3,800-strong scientific community engages in research addressing crucial problems in medicine and health, energy, technology, agriculture, and the environment. Outstanding young scientists from around the world pursue advanced degrees at the Weizmann Institute's Feinberg Graduate School. The discoveries and theories of Weizmann Institute scientists have had a major impact on the wider scientific community, as well as on the quality of life of millions of people worldwide.*