

## Acknowledgements to Hans Rivoir (\*24.10.1927, † 23.10.2024)



It is with great gratitude that we bid farewell to Hans Rivoir, who passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack the day before his 97th birthday.

He belonged to the generation that built a new country after the horrors of war - without any external support, relying solely on personal responsibility. After training as a precision mechanic, he became a merchant and authorized signatory, founding his own jewelry company at the age of 28. As a successful entrepreneur, he took the liberty of dedicating a large portion of his time and energy to charitable organizations. First, he served on the board of the Waldorf School in Pforzheim, which his five children attended. His friendship with Dr. med. Hans Werner led to the founding of a center for anthroposophic medicine, the Öschelbronn Clinic. In preparation for this medical impulse, medicines from mistletoe were to be developed for therapy of cancer patients. To this purpose, the *Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Krebstherapie e.V.* (Society for the Promotion of Cancer Therapy) was founded in 1967 with the Carl Gustav Carus Institute, of which Hans Rivoir became and remained chairman for 33 years. The non-profit drug development required the founding of a company in 1971 to market these products. Thanks to his entrepreneurial skills, Hans Rivoir made it possible to found ABNOBA GmbH, which he supported in word and deed throughout his life. In cooperation with the *Johanneshaus Öschelbronn*, the Öschelbronn Clinic was inaugurated on May 23, 1975, and Hans Rivoir now also became involved as a board member of the *Gemeinnütziger Klinikverein e.V.* (Non-Profit Clinic Association) for decades. To promote anthroposophical initiatives, Hans Rivoir founded the *Gemeinnützige Treuhandstelle e.V.* in 1977. When the Öschelbronn Clinic needed to expand its premises, he financed the laboratory (*Heilmittellabor*) that opened in 1996. His decades of support make him the most important sponsor of research at the Carl Gustav Carus Institute and a pioneer for the *Gemeinnütziger Klinikverein*.

Hans Rivoir's energy and wealth of ideas came from one source: anthroposophy. Throughout his life, he was active in several working groups and volunteered for the National Anthroposophical Society. As a child of a generation that had experienced total destruction, he wanted to rebuild wherever he could. He was not only interested in material reconstruction. He knew that nothing is more inspiring for a society than a shared understanding of the spiritual connections and social needs of fellow human beings. Hans Rivoir was an excellent listener and was therefore not only able to mediate, but also to open up development perspectives for his fellow human beings. He was distinguished by the fact that he always did this in an open-minded manner and valued the freedom of his fellow human beings as the greatest good.

On behalf of all those who knew him well and who received formative help from him on their journey through life, we would like to thank him for his work!