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### **Farewell to Dr. Carl Peter-Hanser Strecker**

The Gutenberg Society mourns the loss of its board member and chairman of the Senate Council, Dr. Carl Peter-Hanser Strecker. He passed away on January 22, 2026, at the age of 83, surrounded by his family.

He always advocated openly, clearly, and above all politically independently for the global significance of Johannes Gutenberg and the necessary modernization of the Gutenberg Museum. His humorous and pointed speeches are unforgettable, as are his tireless efforts to secure additional funding for the famous but chronically underfunded museum. His statement is legendary: "Ladies and gentlemen, the Gutenberg Museum is a very needy institution ("bedürftige Bedürfnisanstalt") – we really must do something about that."

Dr. Carl Peter-Hanser Strecker's contributions to the Gutenberg Museum were just one aspect of his decades-long impact on cultural life far beyond the borders of Mainz. As the publisher and managing director of Schott Music, he uniquely combined tradition and innovation. He recognized the signs of the digital revolution early on and established strong international networks. These networks promoted culture and provided long-term support for young talent. His energetic commitment to numerous honorary positions was driven by a strong sense of humanistic and social responsibility. With the same foresight that characterized his professional work, he promoted exchange between science and the arts and strengthened civil society initiatives. His actions were never limited to individual areas but rather sought to combine cultural excellence with social relevance.

Much was achieved during his tenure. We are especially grateful that he was able to witness the design of the new museum building and the initial steps toward its realization. Even when he was growing weaker and active participation was becoming more difficult, he remained interested, kept himself informed, and followed developments with an alert mind. We will greatly miss his unconventional manner and his profound knowledge of the subject.

On behalf of the Presidium and Executive Board of the International Gutenberg Society,

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