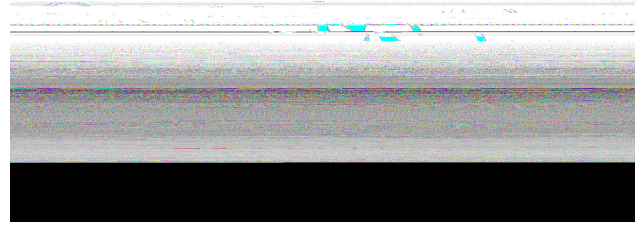


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Trailing the Ocean Currents

Gerold Siedler, marine scientist from Kiel, celebrates his 80th birthday

Whether it's the Gulf Stream, Brazil or Agulhas Current, the deep currents in the western Pacific or the subtropical counter-current in the Indian Ocean: Oceanographer Gerold Siedler knows them all and has contributed much to the basic research in these areas. On 13th September the renowned scientist celebrates his 80th birthday and will be joined by colleagues from around the world in a colloquium at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel.

Gerold Siedler has investigated a lot of the dynamics of ocean currents. Some of this momentum must have had a positive feedback on him since he is still very active at the age of 80. Currently he is working on a comprehensive book on ocean circulation and climate. Marine research has been the focus of most his life after he first laid a sound theoretical foundation with a degree in physics, mathematics and geophysics. For almost 40 years, from 1960 to 1998, he taught and conducted research at the Institute for Marine Sciences at Kiel University, the predecessor of today's institute, the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel. From 1976 to 1978, he was director of the Institute for Marine Sciences, and in 1991-1992, he was Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at Kiel University. The time in Kiel was



