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Thomas R. Loster, a geographer, was a member of the Geoscience Research Group at Munich Reinsurance Company, Munich, one of the world's leading reinsurance companies, for 16 years.

He was in charge of issues relating to weather perils, climate change and climate policy. His responsibilities also included the statistical analyses of worldwide natural catastrophes and trend analyses that appeared in a number of papers and publications.

Mr. Loster was appointed chairman of the Munich Re Foundation in July 2004. The Foundation addresses major global challenges – environmental and climate change, water as a resource and risk factor, population growth and disaster prevention – and is committed to helping people exposed to risk situations. Raising awareness is one of the key goals. True to its motto “From Knowledge To Action”, the Foundation aims to prepare people to deal with risks and to improve their living conditions as well as to minimise the risks to which they are exposed. The Foundation clarifies the key issues and provides support, not only in developed but also in developing countries.

Mr. Loster is a member of the German National Committee of the “UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development” and a member of the “German Council for Sustainable Development”.