**Michael Tiemann**

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Michael Tiemann is a true open source software pioneer. He made his first major open source contribution three decades ago by writing the GNU C++ compiler and porting the GNU C compiler to numerous RISC architectures. Tiemann was recognized by USENIX when it awarded him its first Software Tools and Users Group Award to in 1996.

In 1989, Tiemann's technical expertise and entrepreneurial spirit led him to co-found Cygnus Solutions, the first company to provide commercial support for open source software. During his ten years at Cygnus, Tiemann contributed in a number of roles from President to hacker, helping lead the company from fledgling start-up to an admired open source leader. When Cygnus was acquired by Red Hat in 2000, Tiemann became Red Hat's Chief Technical Officer (CTO) before becoming its first Vice President of Open Source Affairs. In that role Tiemann provides technology, strategy, and policy advice to executives in the public and private sectors.

Tiemann graduated from the Moore School at the University of Pennsylvania (Class of 1986) with a BS CSE degree, and later did research at INRIA (1988) and Stanford University (1988-1989).

Tiemann has served on a number of boards crucial to the success of open source, including the Open Source Initiative (where he retired as President in April 2012), the Eclipse Foundation (where he was a founding member), the Embedded Linux Consortium (where he was a founding member), and the GNOME Foundation Advisory Board. Tiemann also provides financial support to organizations that further the goals of software and programmer freedom, including the Free Software Foundation and the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

As part of his interdisciplinary approach to furthering the understanding and practice of open source, he accepted an appointment as a Visiting Scholar at the School of Information and Library Science at UNC Chapel Hill (2004-2005). He was also a founding member of the Board of Advisors for the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (2006-present). Tiemann has also remained active in the Creative Commons community, as both a sponsor of projects and promoter of the cause. He joined the UNCSA Board of Trustees in 2012 and has served as Chair since 2016.