

Curriculum Vitae

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Frank Ruschitzka



Place and Date of Birth

Wolfsburg, Germany / March 17, 1962

Present Position and Address

- Professor & Chairman, Department of Cardiology, University Hospital Zurich
- Chairman, University Heart Center Zurich

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Training and Education

- Medical school: University Göttingen/ Germany 1983-1989: summa cum laude
- Medical License: University Göttingen/ Germany 1989
- Doctoral thesis: University Göttingen/ Germany 1990
"Cell-cycle dependent carcinogenesis of N-methyl-N-Nitroso-urea-induced mesenchymal tumors of the rat urinary bladder": summa cum laude
- Venia legendi: Faculty of Medicine of the University of Zurich, January 21, 2002:
"Endothelial dysfunction in the pathogenesis of cardiac and renal diseases"

Post Graduate Degrees

- Board Certification Internal Medicine 1996
- Board Certification Cardiology 1998
- European Accreditation for Intensive and Acute Cardiac Care 2008

European Society of Cardiology Activities

- Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology 2001
- Fellow of the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology (2010 – present)
- President of the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology (2016 – 2018)
- Deputy Editor, European Heart Journal, 2008 – present
- Organization & Chair: Postgraduate Course in Heart Failure (PCHF) (8 modules of 2,5 days during 2 years) 2014 – present

Other International Scientific Committee Participation

- Fellow of the Swiss Society of Cardiology
- Fellow of the American Heart Association
- Fellow of the American College of Cardiology
- Fellow of the German Society of Cardiology
- Honorary Fellow of the Heart Failure Society of America

Editorial Boards

- Deputy Editor, European Heart Journal, 2008 – present
- Guest Editor, Circulation, 2018 - present

Fellowships / Honours

- Cardiovascular Biology Award of the Swiss Society of Cardiology 2001
- Annual Award of the Swiss Society of Hypertension 2001
- Annual Award of the Faculty of Medicine (Götz-Preis, University of Zurich) 2003
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, FRCP Edinburgh 2007
- Honoris Causa Doctorate of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila” Bucharest, 15.09.2016

Honorary Memberships

- Honorary member of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology, 05/2015
- Honorary Fellow of the Heart Failure Society of America, 09/2018
- Honorary member of the Croatian Society of Cardiology, 10/2019

Major Publications

- Ruschitzka F, Abraham WT, Singh JP, Bax JJ, Borer JS, Brugada J, Dickstein K, Ford I, Gorcsan J 3rd, Gras D, Krum H, Sogaard P, Holzmeister J. EchoCRT Study Group.
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Major Research Interest

- Translational research, from the development of novel drugs and devices to randomized clinical trials, in coronary artery disease and heart failure in particular

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Zurich, November 7th, 2019

Motivation letter

Dear honorable members of the election committee, dear Jeroen

May I kindly ask you to consider my application for the position as Vice-President at the forthcoming election to the board of the European Society of Cardiology.

I have had the privilege to serve our European Society of Cardiology in several of its key focus areas in various capacities, particularly for our journal, congresses, guidelines and educational activities, and would therefore be honored to continue my commitment to our society as a member of the ESC board.

I have been serving our society as Deputy Editor of the *European Heart Journal* since 2008, that together with Thomas Lüscher and our editorial team, we succeeded in positioning among the top three cardiology journals worldwide.

From 2016 until 2018 I have been the president of the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology and am currently member of the HFA's presidential trio in the function as immediate past-president.

In addition, I have had the privilege to contribute to the success of our congresses in various capacities, including chair of heart failure (under the CPC chairs Professor Jeroen Bax, Professor Fausto Pinto and Professor Stephan Achenbach) and presenter at the highlight sessions at our main congress.

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Heart Failure/Transplantation
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Invasive Cardiology
Christian Templin, Prof. Dr. Dr. med.
Markus Kasel, PD Dr. med.

Cardiac MRI
Robert Manka, PD Dr. med.

Congenital Heart Disease
Matthias Greutmann, PD Dr. med.

Arrhythmia/Devices
Firat Duru, Prof. Dr. med.

Inpatient Clinic
Matthias Hermann, PD Dr. med.

Translational Research
Christian Matter, Prof. Dr. med.

Center for Molecular Cardiology
Thomas F. Lüscher, Prof. Dr. med.
Giovanni Camici, Prof. Dr. phil.

Senior consultants:
Corinna Brunckhorst, Prof. Dr. med.
Willibald Maier, Prof. Dr. med.

Together with the fantastic support of the European Heart Academy, my team here in Zurich have founded our society's first postgraduate course, the Postgraduate Course in Heart Failure (PCHF), that is now in its 7th year and has provided more than 200 cardiologists from our ESC member countries the opportunity to train in the new subspecialty as an invasive heart failure specialist.

Similarly, it is my mission as chair of the department of cardiology and the heart center here at the University Hospital Zürich to bring the different subspecialties together and implement a more holistic approach towards a more patient centered care in cardiology. As it is my firm belief that close collaboration and unity between the subspecialties is key to the success of cardiology, it is also imperative to the continuous success of the ESC. I will therefore consider it my mission to foster the collaboration and synergy between the ESC's constituent bodies, its associations, working groups and national societies in particular.

As such, it would be a great honor to continue serving our society on its board in the years to come.

With best personal regards,

Prof. Frank Ruschitzka