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Born 1954 in Prague. Currently working as the head of the Cardiocenter (departments of cardiology & cardiac surgery) at the Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University & University Hospital „Kralovske Vinohrady“, Prague, Czech Republic.

MD. degree obtained at the Charles University Prague in 1979. Board certifications from internal medicine (1987) and cardiology (1992). Since 1979 working in the University Hospital „Kralovske Vinohrady“ in Prague as research fellow, resident, assistant professor, associated professor (1991), full professor (1998). In 1995-6 founded the Cardiocenter and is the head of this center until now.

In 1986 and 1990-91 he spent 15 months at the Thoraxcenter, Erasmus University Rotterdam as research fellow. In 1992 - 1995 he spent several periods of PCI training (together 15 months) at the Thoraxcentrum Zwolle, the Netherlands.

He published over 500 papers, 405 are registered at the US National Library of Medicine (PubMed) and 21 teaching or research textbooks or chapters in textbooks. Science Citations Index provides 52 598 citations overall. Hirsch Index is 75.

In 1983 he obtained PhD. (theses „Echocardiography in coronary artery disease“), in 1984 he won the „Young Cardiologists Award“ of the East European Countries. In 1995 he obtained the title DrSc (doctor of sciences) based on his work "Myocardial function and perfusion in coronary artery disease". Since 1997 he is the leader and main author of the multicentric randomized national studies "PRAGUE", presented 13-times at the prestigious sessions (Hot Line, Late Breaking) of major cardiology congresses (currently studies up to PRAGUE-21 are arunning). In 2000–2003 period he was the vice-rector of the Charles University Prague, the Charles University awarded him Gold Medal in 2003. In 2010-18 vice-dean for research at the 3rd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague. Elected Dean of this faculty for 2018 – 2022 and re-elected for 2022 - 2026 period.

In 1988 he became one of the "Founding Fellows of the European Society of Cardiology" (FESC. diploma nr. 29). Between 2004 – 2008 member of the Board of the European Society of Cardiology (2006 - 2008 ESC vice-president). In 2008 awarded by the first Silver Medal of the European Society of Cardiology, in 2013 as Andreas Gruntzig awardee for interventional cardiology second Silver Medal of the ESC. In 2014 Gold Medal of the European Society of Cardiology. In 2008 – 2010 founder and first chairman of the „Stent For Life“ project (EAPCI). In 2016-2018 founder and first chairman of the ESC Council on Stroke. He is a Honorary Member of the British Cardiovascular Society, Polish Society of Cardiology, Hungarian Society of Cardiology, Slovak Society of Cardiology, Czech Society of Cardiology.

In 2005-15 chairman of the National Board for Accreditation in Cardiology at the Czech Ministry of Health. In 2011 awarded (by the Czech Prime Minister) prize „The Czech Head 2011“ (the single most prestigious research award in the country). In the 2011 - 2015 president of the Czech Society of Cardiology, during his presidency C.S.C. awarded by WHO prize in Geneve. In 2015-19 vice-president of the Czech Society of Cardiology.

In 2015 and in 2016 recognized by Thomson Reuters as the most cited Czech physician and listed among the best scientists in the world (0.1% from all cited scientists).

In 2016 awarded the prestigious Mensa Honorary Recognition „for the substantial contribution to the intelectual level of the Czech nation and propagating the country across the world“.

In 2017 awarded by the Charles University prize „Donatio Universitatis Carolinae“. In 2018 awarded by the Semmelweis University prize (Budapest, Hungary).