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After Abitur study of psychology and medicine in Munich (Diplom-Psychologe; M.D.). Since 1982 training in psychiatry, psychotherapy and neurology at the University Hospital of LMU Munich.

Since 1990 senior psychiatrist and consultant, Psychiatric Hospital, LMU Munich.

1990: Facharzt für Psychiatrie und Neurologie ('Nervenarzt')

2000: Facharzt für Neurologie; Facharzt für Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie

2000: Facharzt für Psychotherapeutische Medizin

1993 habilitation in the field of psychoneuroimmunology.

Head of the schizophrenia special ward since 1998; Head of the research-ward for Psychoneuroimmunology and –endocrinology since 2011; Head of the working group Psychoneuroimmunology; Co-chair of the working group 'History of Psychiatry': Head of the Tourette's and OCD research group and outpatient services; Responsible for the new-building and reconstruction of the Kraepelinian Hospital. Since 2000 Professor of Psychiatry.

Current affiliation: Acting chair of the hospital and department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, LMU Munich.

Activities in national and international scientific societies:

2003 - 2006 President of the German Society of Biological Psychiatry, 2007 - 2010 past-president, 1999 – 2002 treasurer.

Since 2006 Chair of the section 'Immunology in Psychiatry' of the 'World Psychiatric Association' (WPA).

2008/2009 Member of the scientific and organisation board of the 'European Psychiatric Association' (EPA).

Since 2009 member of the executive committee und treasurer 'World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry' (WFSBP).

Since 2010: Chair of the history committee of the 'Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum' (CINP) (2008-2010:Vice-chair).

Since 2000: Member of Steering Committee ,German Endocrine Brain Immune Network' (GEBIN).

2013: Chair scientific programm committee of the 11. World Congress of Biological Psychiatry Kyoto/Japan.

Honors and Awards:

Research Award of the "Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Neuropsychopharmakologie und Pharmakopsychiatrie" (AGNP) (1997)

"Kraepelin Research Award" (2001)

Kraepelin-Alzheimer Medal 'Sciencia et cura' (2008)

Honorary member of the Columbian Society of Biological Psychiatry (2010) Senior Research Fellow of the Bedfordshire Centre for Mental Health in Association with the University of Cambridge (GB) (2011)

Activities in Foundations:

Chair Foundation 'Immunität und Seele' (supports the field of psychoneuroimmunology).

Chair 'Barbara-Wengeler-Siftung' (supports doctoral students at the interface between philosophy and neuroscience).

Chair 'Stiftung Nervenheilkunde' (supports activities of the German Society of Biological Psychiatry).

Lecturer/organizer international educational activities:

Continuing medical education course of the Bulgarian society of Biological Psychiatry Varna 2004 & Sofia 2005.

EURON – European graduate school of Neuroscience, Maastricht, Workshop 2007 CINP course of Neuropsychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry Munich, 2008-2010.

Masters Degree Program in Mental Health for Mid-Level Health Workers in Ethiopia at University of Jimma, Jimma/Ethiopia.

CINP Certificate in Psychopharmacology, Glasgow 2011.

Activities in the Medical Faculty of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University:

Member of the Center for International Health (CIH^{LMU}), Center of Excellence funded by the Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD).

Member of the Munich Center for Neurosciences (together with the Philosophy and the Psychology faculties and the Max-Planck-Institutes Munich).

Current research activities:

Psychoneuroimmunology
Inflammation and depression
Movement disorders, Tourette-Syndrome
Pathogenesis and therapy of schizophrenia
Psychopharmacology.