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CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Details

Place and Date of Birth: 5th June 1953 in Munich, Germany

Nationality: German

Responsibilities

- 1980-1994 Resident, Senior Resident and Supervising Psychiatrist in the Department of Clinical Psychiatry, the Laboratory of Clinical Psychophysiology, and the Lithium Outpatient Clinic, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- 1994-1998 Supervising Psychiatrist at the Department of Psychiatry, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- 1995-2006 Head of the section Clinical Neurophysiology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- 1998-2006 Full Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- 1999-2009 Chair and Spokesman of the German Research Network on Depression and Suicidality (funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research)
- since 2004 President of European Alliance Against Depression (www.eaad.eu)
- since 2006 Chair and Medical Director of the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Universität Leipzig, Germany
- 2008-2013 Head of the research network “Optimizing suicide prevention programs and their implementation in Europe” (OSPI-Europe, 7th Framework Program of the European Commission, www.ospi-europe.eu)
- since 2008 President of the German Depression Foundation
- since 2011 Head of the research network “Preventing Depression and Improving Awareness through Networking in the EU” (PREDI NU, www.predinu.eu)

Education

- 1990 Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany (Psychotherapy)
- 1987 Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany (Psychiatry, Neurology)
- 1973-1978 University of Erlangen, Erlangen, Germany (Medicine)

Academic awards

- 2011 Award "Ideenpark Gesundheitswirtschaft" of the Financial Times for the "German Alliance against Depression"
- 2007 European Health Award" (1st price) for the project „European Alliance against Depression“
- 2003 Hermann-Simon-Award for Social Psychiatry for the project „Nuremberg Alliance against Depression“
- 2003 Clinic Promotion Award 2002 of the Bavarian Federal State Bank for the project: „Nuremberg Alliance against Depression“

Research fields

- Treatment and prevention of mental disorders (esp. affective disorders, suicidality)
- Public mental health and community based mental health interventions
- Suicide prevention
- Neurobiology of psychiatric disorders
- EEG and functional brain imaging
- Sleep-wake regulation