



Thomas LUGER

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Thomas Luger is Senior Professor at the Faculty of Medicine at the Westphalian Wilhelms University of Münster, Germany. From 1990 to 2018 he was Director of the Department of Dermatology at the Westphalian Wilhelms University of Münster, and from 1995 to 1999 Dean of the Medical Faculty.

Prof. Luger studied medicine at the University of Vienna, Austria and received his MD in 1975. He completed a postdoctoral training at the National Institute of Health, National Institute of Dental Research in the Laboratory of Microbiology, and Immunology in Bethesda (Maryland, USA) from 1980 to 1982.

Prof. Luger then worked for eight years as associate professor at the 2nd Department of Dermatology, University of Vienna, Austria. In 1984 he was appointed director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Cell Biology and Immunobiology of the Skin in Vienna and since 1992 in Münster. From 2003 to 2011 he was board member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology. From 2007 to 2011, he was president of the German Dermatological Society.

From 2015 to 2019, he was member of the board of directors of the International League of Dermatological Societies. Since 2017 he is chairman of the Scientific committee of the Leibnitz Institute of environmental research in Düsseldorf. As of January 2018, he is president of the Foundation René Touraine. In April 2018, he was invited as Visiting Expert at the National Skin Center in Singapore.

During his professional career, Prof. Luger received numerous scientific awards and became honorary member of numerous international dermatological societies.

Prof. Luger is a Corresponding Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, a Member of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and Member of the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences. In 2009, he was awarded as "Doctor honoris causa" by the medical school of the University of Athens, Greece.

Prof. Luger's clinical interest is focussed on inflammatory skin diseases in particular atopic dermatitis and psoriasis as well as autoimmune and neuroendocrine diseases of the skin. Prof. Luger's main areas of research include the study of the skin immune system and neuroinflammation. Prof. Luger is the author of about 800 scientific publications and is past editor of the journal "Experimental Dermatology".