

Nomination of Professor Dr. Harald Lutz (Bayreuth) for the award of EFSUMB's honorary membership

The German Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (DEGUM) nominates Prof. Dr. Harald Lutz for the award of honorary membership of EFSUMB on the occasion of the 34th EUROSON Congress in Riga (May 25-27, 2023). He will celebrate his 85th birthday in April 2023 and can look back on a life for ultrasound in Germany, Europe and worldwide.

Harald Lutz became a member of DEGUM's predecessor organization, the German Association for Ultrasound Diagnostics (DAUD), shortly after its founding. In 1973, Prof. Dr. Demling appointed him head of the renowned Erlangen ultrasound laboratory and successor to Professor Dr. Gerhard Rettenmaier, who was awarded EFSUMB's honorary membership on the occasion of the 25th EUROSON Congress in Stuttgart in 2013.

In 1978, Professor Lutz published the first German-language ultrasound textbook („Ultraschalldiagnostik (B-scan) in der Inneren Medizin“) and was the founding editor of the first German ultrasound journal ("Ultraschall in Klinik und Praxis").

Professor Lutz is one of the most internationally renowned representatives of German ultrasound. While his scientific work has focused primarily on ultrasound in internal medicine and gastroenterology (he was one of the pioneers of endoscopic ultrasound), he has always seen himself as a representative of interdisciplinary clinical ultrasound and has taken responsibility for it both nationally and internationally. In 1983, as congress president, he led the 7th Dreiländertreffen in Erlangen to success and was elected president of the DEGUM in the same year. He held this office until 1986. In 2001, Harald Lutz became an honorary member of the DEGUM.

He acquired a high international reputation and was elected President of the EFSUMB in 1990 (until 1993) and was President of the WFUMB from 1997 - 2000. Harald Lutz has earned great and lasting merits by publishing the 5-volume WHO Manual of Diagnostic Ultrasound and by organizing numerous ultrasound training activities in numerous European countries and worldwide. In particular, he has also actively promoted the establishment of ultrasound centers in various countries. His decades of international activities, his research and his publishing activities have played a very large part in making German ultrasound a resounding name in Europe and throughout the world.

Professor Lutz is still active for ultrasound in his old age, in particular he is involved in the German Ultrasound Museum and has actively supported the activities of the EFSUMB on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 2022.

DEGUM is proud of its decades-long active and deserving member Professor Lutz and of his substantial, lasting contribution to the development of ultrasound in Europe and the EFSUMB. Therefore, we are sure that Professor Harald Lutz, as an outstanding representative of DEGUM's concept of interdisciplinary clinical ultrasound, will be a worthy honorary member of EFSUMB.



Professor Dr. Markus Hahn
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