



Curriculum Vitae Professor Dr. Walter Bär

Name: Walter Bär
Born: 7 November 1946



Main areas of research: DNA polymorphisms in body fluids, Evaluation of Forensic evidence, Blood Alcohol Interpretation, Forensic Imaging

Academic and Professional Career

2011 Professor Emeritus, University of Zurich, Switzerland
1989 - 2011 Full Professor of Legal Medicine, Chair of Legal Medicine and Direktor of the Institute of Legal Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland
1989 Habilitation, University of Zurich, Switzerland
1976 Promotion University of Zurich, Medical Faculty, Switzerland
1968 - 1974 Studies in Medicine University of Zurich, Switzerland

Project coordination, Membership in collaborative research projects

since 2011 Member of Scientific Advisory Board EUROFORGEN-NoE (FP7-SEC-2011-1)
since 2007 Head of Steering Committee Center on Aging and Mobility University Zurich and City Hospital Waid Zurich, Switzerland
2007 - 2011 Member of the Federal Expert commission on human genetic testing (ECHGT) (appointed by the Swiss Federal Council)
1997 - 1999 President of the commission for the revision of the health law of the state of Zürich (appointed by the State Government)

- 1994 - 1995 President of the sub-commission for the revision of the Guidelines on Research in Humans of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences
- 1993 - 1994 Member of the commission for the guidelines for genetic investigations in humans of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences

Functions in Scientific Societies and Committees

- 2004 - 2008 Dean of the Medical Faculty, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 2000 - 2006 President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine IALM
- 1992 - 2006 Secretary of the European Council of Legal Medicine ECLM
- since 1997 Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- 1992 - 1996 Member of the Central Ethical Committee of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences SAMS
- 1992 - 1995 President of the International Society for Forensic Genetics' ISFG
- 1990 - 1994 President of the Swiss Society of Legal Medicine (SSLM)

Honours and Awarded Memberships

- 2011 Honorary Member of the International Society for Forensic Genetics
- 2011 Honorary Member of the German Society of Legal Medicine
- 2011 Honorary Member of the Switzer Society of Legal Medicine
- 2010 Doctor honoris causa, Catholic University Leuven, Biomedical Sciences, Belgium
- 2006 Honorary Member of the Hungarian Society of Legal Medicine

Major Scientific Interests

Investigations of DNA polymorphisms in body fluids and their application in forensics

Biostatistics of DNA-Profiles in mixtures for the Evaluation of Forensic evidence

Medical Jurisprudence and Ethics in Medicine

Blood Alcohol Interpretation

Medical Decisions at the End-of-life, Assisted Suiide

Forensic Imaging