



Curriculum Vitae Professor Dr. Wolf-Dieter Heiss



Name: Wolf-Dieter Heiss
Born: 31 December 1939

Main areas of research: experimental and clinical neuroscience, cerebral ischemia, brain metabolism and function, thrombolysis, metabolic disturbances in brain tumors and in dementias

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Academic and Professional Career

- since 2009 Adjunct Professor, Dept of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- since 2005 Visiting Professor, Dept of Clinical Medicine and Prevention Medicine, Donau University Krems, Austria
- since 2005 Emeritus Director of the Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research, Cologne, Germany
- 1985 - 2005 Professor and Chairman of the Dept. of Neurology, University of Cologne, Germany
- since 1982 Scientific member of the Max Planck Society, Germany
- 1982 - 2005 Director of the Dept. of General Neurology, Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research, Cologne, Germany
- 1979 Assoc. Professor, University of Cologne, Germany
- 1978 - 1982 Head of the Cerebrovascular Research Unit of the Max Planck Institute of Brain Research, Germany; Director of the Dept. of Neurology of the Hospital Köln Merheim, Germany

- 1976 - 1978 Assoc. Professor, University of Vienna, Austria
- 1974 Research Associate, Dept. of Neurology, State University of Minnesota, Minnesota, USA
- 1973 Board Certificate for Neurology, Psychiatry and Nuclear Medicine
- 1970 - 1978 Senior physician at the Dept. of Neurology of the University Hospital
- 1970 Postdoctoral lecture qualification for Neurology
- 1968 - 1969 Post-doc at the Neurosensory Laboratory, State University NY, Buffalo, USA
- 1966 Institute of Physiology Veterinärhögskolan, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1965 Post-doc at the Dept. Of Electrical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA
- 1965 Graduation sub auspiciis presidentis at the University of Vienna, Austria
- 1958 - 1964 Medical studies, University of Vienna, Austria

Functions in Scientific Societies and Committees

- 2001 - 2005 Presidency, European Federation of Neurological Societies
- 1991 - 1995 Presidency, International Stroke Society
- Associate Editor of Journal of Nuclear Medicine
- Section Editor of the Journal Stroke
- Member of the advisory board of the Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism
- Member of the advisory board of the Journal Cerebrovascular Diseases
- Member of the advisory board of the European Journal of Neurology

Honours and Awarded Memberships

- 2012 David G. Sherman Award
- 2011 Wepfer Award
- 2008 SVIN Pioneering Award
- 2008 WSO Leadership in Stroke Medicine Award
- 2008 Kuhl Lassen Award
- 2005 Von Hevesy Medal
- 2002 Berson Yalow Award Los Angeles
- 1999 Bergmann Plaque

1999	Member of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
1995	Mihara Price Tokyo
1994	Zülch Prize
1989	Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
1969	Eiselsberg Prize, Vienna, Austria

Major Scientific Interests

Wolf-Dieter Heiss was involved in experimental and clinical neuroscience and has transferred results from experimental research into clinical application as well as tested clinical questions in animal models. His research activities, which after training and initial work at the Department of Neurology of the University of Vienna and several research appointments abroad were mainly performed at the Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research (1978 – 2005) and at the Department of Neurology (1985 – 2005) in Cologne, were concentrated on cerebral ischemia and stroke and on the development of imaging modalities for investigations of brain metabolism and function. With these methods he studied the ability of the brain to survive blood flow disturbances, which became the essential basis for the development of effective therapy of stroke, eg thrombolysis. Further topics of research included various metabolic disturbances in brain tumors and in dementias, which improved diagnostic accuracy and treatment strategies, as well as patterns of functional activation in healthy controls and patients, which contributed to the understanding of deficits and of compensatory mechanisms.