



Prof. Gerd Heusch, MD, PhD
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Born 1955 in Bonn, Germany, Gerd Heusch studied medicine at the Universities of Düsseldorf and Bonn (MD in 1980). From 1980 to 1985 he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Physiology at the University of Düsseldorf (PhD in 1985). He then was research cardiologist at the University of California, San Diego under Dr. John Ross Jr. After his return to Düsseldorf, he was awarded a Heisenberg scholarship by the German Research Foundation and worked in the Departments of Physiology and Cardiology (Prof. Franz Loogen). In 1989 he was appointed professor and chair of the Institute for Pathophysiology at the University of Essen, a position which he holds up to now. From 1999 to 2000 he spent a sabbatical in the Department of Physiology at the University of Southern Alabama, Mobile with Drs. Jim Downey and Michael Cohen, and he is adjunct professor there since.

Gerd Heusch's major research interests are the control of coronary blood flow, myocardial ischemia/reperfusion injury and cardioprotective strategies. He has authored more than 650 original and review articles, his h-index is triple digit.

He has been president of the German Cardiac Society and of the European Section of the International Society for Heart Research; he has also been governor of the German Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and is currently councillor of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. He has served as speaker of the medical board of the German Research Foundation and currently serves as speaker of the medical group of the Nordrhein-Westphalian Academy of Sciences and Arts. He has been awarded the William Harvey Lecture and Silver Medal of the European Society of Cardiology, the Carl Ludwig award of the German Cardiac Society and the Carl Wiggers award of the American Physiological Society. He is editor of Basic Research in Cardiology since 1992 and serves as editorial board member of other prestigious journals. In 2012 he was awarded the cross of merit by the president of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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