



Prof. Bruno Podesser, MD, PhD, MBA
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Professor Bruno Podesser studied Medicine at the University of Vienna, performed his residency and training in General surgery followed by a training in Cardiac surgery at the Allgemeine Krankenhaus Wien, the Medical University of Innsbruck and the University Hospital St. Pölten. In 1996 he finished his MBA at the Vienna School of Economics and received a prestigious Max Kade Fellowship to perform a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Whittaker Institute at Boston University (Prof. Carl Apstein), USA. In 2001, Bruno Podesser habilitated in Cardiac Surgery and was appointed consultant at the Department of Cardiac Surgery at University Hospital St. Pölten - a clinical position that he holds until today. In 2006, he became the founding coordinator of the "Ludwig Boltzmann Cluster for Cardiovascular Research" at the Medical University of Vienna, where he still serves in the board of directors.

Since 2014 he was appointed Full Professor and Head of the Center for Biomedical Research and Translational Surgery at the Medical University of Vienna. Professor Podesser can be considered a truly translational surgeon scientist. His clinical and research focus has always been ischemia-reperfusion injury and during recent years remodelling and reverse remodeling under pressure and volume overload.

In 2019 he became Honorary Member of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology". In 2021 he was appointed Adjunct Professor to the Cape Heart Institute" Cape Town University, South Africa. In 2022 he received the "Dr. Honoris Causa" title from the Semmelweis University Budapest, Hungary. In 2024 he became Vice President of the "*Cardiac Surgery Intersociety Alliance*", an alliance between all major surgical societies including AATS, STS, EACTS, ASCTS and the World Heart Federation aiming to bring cardiac surgery to the underdeveloped countries.

Professor Podesser has published more than 205 peer reviewed manuscripts with an Hirsch index of 39, a cumulative impact factor more than 1,600, and more than 5000 citations. He supervised more than 45 master students (Medicine and Biomedical research), more than 15 PhD students and 5 habilitations at the Vienna University. He has received multiple prestigious awards, such as the Billroth Award of the Austrian Society of Surgery and the Hancock Award of the German Society of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery. He serves currently as Associate Editor for the European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery, ESC Heart Failure and Journal of Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Toxicology.