Biography

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Werner Hacke, is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. A Neurologist and Psychologist by training, he holds both an M.D. and a Ph.D. degree. His main scientific and clinical interest is in stroke and critical care neurology. He has pioneered the field of thrombolysis for acute stroke and initiated several new management options for large infarctions including hypothermia and decompressive surgery. He is also a world wide known specialist in stroke prevention.

He was the President of the German Neurological Society (2001-2002), the President of the German Interdisciplinary Society of Critical Care Medicine (2003-2004) and the German stroke society. He became the first President of the newly founded European Stroke Organisation (ESO) in 2008 and is currently also the President of the German Stroke Society.

In 1998 he was the first European recipient of the Feinberg award for Excellence in Stroke Research, given by the American Stroke Association and the first recipient of the Karolinska Stroke Award in 2004. He received the Presidents Award by the World Stroke Organisation (2008), the Mihara Award by the Mihara Foundation (2009) and the Soriano Award by the WFN and the Wepfer Award by the European stroke conference.

Recently he was awarded the Pette Medal of the German Neurological Society, it’s highest award.

Prof Hacke is honorary member of several national societies of Neurology, including the American Neurological Association (ANA), the French Neurological Society and the Pan-Russian Neurological Society. He holds an honorary doctorate in Tblisi, Georgia.

Prof. Hacke has published more than 300 original articles listed in pubmed and the Science Citation Index. His h-index over 100 and the average citation rate of his publications is > 70. He is on the editorial board of several international journals and the senior European Editor of Stroke. He is the sole author of the leading German textbook on Neurology, which is currently in it’s 13 edition.