



### **Professor Gerd Assmann**

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Professor Assmann is the President of the Board of the Assmann-Foundation for Prevention. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Member of the Leopoldina, Executive Director of the International Task Force for Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease, and honorary member of the American Association of Physicians.

Professor Assmann obtained his medical degree at the University of Dusseldorf. His postdoctoral training included three years with Donald Fredrickson at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Bethesda. In 1977, Professor Assmann became Head of the Central Laboratory of the University of Münster, Germany, and subsequently Director of the Institute of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, and of the Institute of Arteriosclerosis Research at the same University. Professor Assmann is also the lead investigator in the ongoing Prospective Cardiovascular Münster (PROCAM) study initiated in 1979. The PROCAM Study is the largest prospective evaluation of cardiovascular risk markers in Europe and has recruited more than 50,000 participants to date.

Professor Assmann is also an honorary member of the Atherosclerosis Society in Turkey and Poland and Vice-President of the European Society of Cardiovascular Prevention. The important professional and scientific positions to which he has been appointed include the Presidency of the German Society of Arteriosclerosis Research, Chairman of the International Task Force for Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease, and Presidency of the Germany Society of Laboratory Medicine.

Professor Assmann's major research interests lie in lipoproteins, lipid transport and metabolism, medical genetics, biotechnology, academic and industrial and epidemiology of atherosclerosis.

Throughout his career Professor Gerd Assmann has won numerous academic honors including the Heinrich-Wieland price, the Morgagni price, and the Outstanding Achievement Award for Contributions to Atherosclerosis Research by the International Symposium Atherosclerosis Society.

Professor Assmann has published over 1,000 original research papers and reviews in medical journals.