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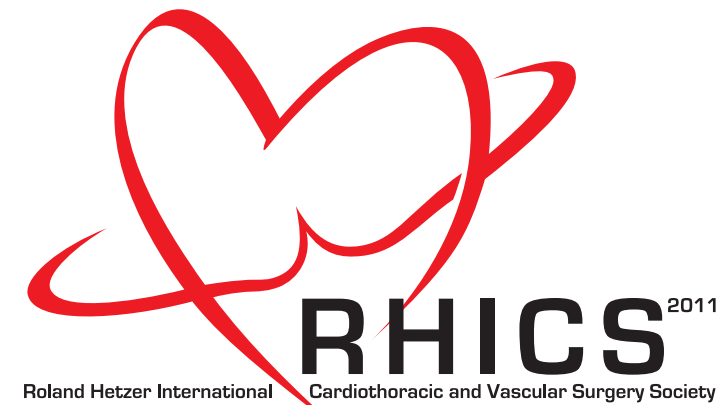
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Professor Dr. Roland Hetzer
laden die Berliner Medizinische Gesellschaft und die



ein zu einer internationalen wissenschaftlichen Festveranstaltung:

RHICS 7th Expert Forum
Treatment of Heart Failure:
Drugs, Cath, or Cut?

in den historischen Hörsaal des Langenbeck-Virchow-Hauses zu Berlin

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The Berliner Medizinische Gesellschaft (Berlin Medical Society) within the framework of this scientific congress bestows its honorary membership upon Professor Roland Hetzer in appreciation of his merits in the field of medicine.

Since its foundation in 1986, under the leadership of Roland Hetzer, the Deutsches Herzzentrum Berlin (DHZB, German Heart Institute Berlin) has developed into one of the largest heart centers in the world. From the very beginning until today, the DHZB has focused on treating unusual and difficult cases in all fields of cardiovascular disease, aside from offering the whole treatment spectrum and modalities. In over 28 years, a total of 74,430 open heart operations have been performed. In addition to being specialized in heart and lung transplantation, the DHZB boasts the largest program for the implantation of mechanical circulatory support systems (ventricular assist devices and total artificial hearts). In the 28 years, 1790 heart, 480 lung and 105 heart and lung transplantations have been performed and more than 2240 mechanical circulatory support systems implanted. The program of pediatric cardiac surgery has been fully developed since 1988 and is one of the largest pediatric cardiac surgery programs in Germany and in the world.

Based upon the continuous development and employment of innovative therapeutic strategies such as regenerative stem cell transplantation after myocardial infarction or hybrid surgery, the DHZB maintains its leading position in the context of rapidly advancing medical technology. Thousands of patients from all over the world owe their health or even their lives to treatment by the DHZB and the efforts of Roland Hetzer and his colleagues.

The Berlin Medical Society thanks the Roland Hetzer International Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Society for sharing the organization of this meeting with the Berlin Medical Society. The latter, being one of the oldest medical societies in the world, is proud to welcome Roland Hetzer as its newest honorary member. We will do everything possible to prove worthy of our new honorary member.

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Helmut Hahn
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Program | Saturday April 5, 2014

10:00 Opening Session: Awarding Ceremony

Musical opening	Kammersänger Jochen Kowalski
Welcome address	Prof. Dr. Helmut Hahn President, Berlin Medical Society
Greetings	Dr. Günter Jonitz President, Berlin Physicians' Association
	Prof. Dr. Joachim Jähne President, German Society of Surgeons
	Mario Czaja Senator for Health and Social Affairs, Senate of Berlin
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	Lutz Krieger Honorary President, Berlin Press Conference Former Studio Director, Hauptstadtstudio, Deutschlandfunk
	Prof. Dr. Yuri Belenkov Medical Director, University Hospital Lomonossov University Moscow, Russian Federation
Musical intermission	Kammersänger Jochen Kowalski
Remarks	Patients
Session 1	Bestowal on Prof. Dr. Roland Hetzer (Medical Director and Chairman of the Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Deutsches Herzzentrum Berlin) of Honorary Membership of the Berlin Medical Society
Laudatio	Prof. Dr. Helmut Hahn
Response	Prof. Dr. Roland Hetzer
Musical intermission	Kammersänger Jochen Kowalski

13:00 Lunch



Roland Hetzer International Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Society

To honor the mentorship, leadership and contributions of Prof. Dr. Roland Hetzer in the field of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery, the Roland Hetzer International Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Society (RHICS) was founded by cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons who have trained and worked under Prof. Hetzer, including former students, present staff and colleagues from all over the world. The exclusive objectives of the RHICS are:

1. to provide a forum for expert discussion on relevant cardiothoracic issues, to set up guidelines based on conclusions derived from this expert opinion forum
2. to promote cardiothoracic surgical education skills from beyond standardized and statistical (experience-based) medicine to a patient-based medicine wherein treatment approaches are individualized and personalized, and specific high-quality treatment is tailored to the patients' unique pathology so as to give them an optimal quality of life, after surgery
3. to promote continuing medical education through the holding of regular symposia and meetings and the continuance of clinical and experimental research efforts and the publication of the results in scientific journals, and
4. to foster international collaboration and cooperation in clinical practice and scientific research in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery and associated fields.

The RHICS thus hopes to continue the legacy of Prof. Hetzer.

After its conception (by Drs. Delmo Walter, Ennker and Loebe) on January 29, 2010 and tremendous concerted efforts by Drs. Gerhard Ziemer, Harald Hausmann, Michele Musci, Thomas Krabatsch, Charles Yankah, Ralf Sodian, Luc Tambeur, Hermann Kuppe and Boris Nasser, the RHICS was legally founded on May 20, 2011 at 17:30, in the presence of its lawyer, Dr. Maren Bedau, and the Honorary President himself, Prof. Roland Hetzer.

The Constitution was signed by Drs. Ziemer, Ennker, Hausmann, Delmo Walter, Musci, Nasser and Kuppe with distant attendance of M. Loebe (via teleconference from Houston, Texas, USA), which took place at the Deutsches Herzzentrum Library.

The RHICS Society was formally inaugurated on June 13, 2011 at the Hotel Intercontinental Berlin. It is now recognized by the German Tax Authorities as a non-profit, tax-exempted scientific organization.

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Scientific sessions

14:15 Session opening remarks Roland Hetzer (Germany)

Session 2 Medical Advancements in Heart Failure Therapy

Chair: Paul Mohacsi, Burkert Pieske

14:30 State of the art in medical treatment of heart failure Paul Mohacsi (Switzerland)

14:50 Types of disease and pathophysiology Burkert Pieske (Austria)

15:10 Cardiac resynchronization therapy in heart failure Helmut Klein (USA)

15:30 Biomarkers in heart failure Thomas Breithardt (Switzerland)

15:50 Telemonitoring Mathias Rauchhaus (Germany)

16:10 Coffee break

16:30 Imaging in heart failure Jeanette Schulz-Menger (Germany)

16:50 Myocardial recovery after MCS Michael Dandel (Germany)

17:10 Post myocardial infarct left ventricular remodelling Vincent Dor (Monaco)

17:30 Stem cell therapy Christof Stamm (Germany)

17:50 Expert panel discussion:

Chair: Roland Hetzer

Helmut Klein, Paul Mohacsi, Burkert Pieske, Christof Stamm, Vincent Dor

18:30 End of session



Program | Sunday April 6, 2014

9:00	Session 3: Chair: Jürgen Ennker, Christof Schmid	Surgical Treatment Options
9:00	Overview of surgery for heart failure	Roland Hetzer (Germany)
9:10	Differential cardiac remodeling in heart failure	Gerd Hasenfuß (Germany)
	Organ conserving surgery	
9:30	Mitral valve repair in poorly functioning left ventricle	Friedrich W. Mohr (Germany)
9:50	Functional mitral repair in non-ischemic failing heart	Gilles Dreyfus (Monaco)
10:10	Ischemic mitral insufficiency in heart failure	Herbert Vetter (Germany)
10:30	Left ventricular restoration	Tadeo Tedoriya (Japan)
10:50	Revascularization surgery	Jürgen Ennker (Germany)
11:10	Coffee break	
11:30	Heart transplantation	Christopher McGregor (United Kingdom)
11:50	Role of ventricular assist devices	Pascal Leprince (France)
12:10	The total artificial heart	Matthias Loebe (USA)
12:30	ECMO in treatment of heart failure	Christof Schmid (Germany)
12:50	Transapical aortic valve implantation in the failing heart	Miralem Pasic (Germany)
13:15	Expert panel discussion Chair: Roland Hetzer Vincent Dor, Gilles Dreyfus, Matthias Loebe, Christopher McGregor, Paul Mohacsi, Friedrich Mohr	
14:00	Closing remarks	Roland Hetzer Helmut Hahn
14:15	Lunch	

was founded in 1860 by a group of foresighted physicians with visions of progress and change. Albrecht von Graefe, the famous ophthalmologist, was elected BMS's first president. Certainly, at the age of 154 years by now, BMS ranks amongst the oldest medical societies in the world.

According to its statutes, BMS "fosters scientific efforts in the whole field of medicine, strengthens collegiality amongst, and protects the professional interests of, all physicians." BMS soon came to represent "the whole orbit of medical sciences". All, but few, Berlin physicians of reputation were members. The society's success rested on the high degree of trustworthiness of the information presented and its usefulness for the application by practicing physicians in their efforts to help their patients. The motto "Scientific information for all physicians" has always been, and still is, our binding guideline. The value of such a commitment, at a time when the term evidence-based medicine and the strong regulations which govern our medical system were unknown, can surely not be overestimated.

Right from the beginning, until today, the Society, in its scientific lectures, has dealt and still deals with timely and innovative medical topics as presented by the very best authorities in their respective fields. Many milestones in medicine were presented in the course of BMS' lectures for the first time; to name just one example: Paul Ehrlich's concept of selective toxicity in fighting infections (the "magic bullet" theory), which marks the beginning of the era of rational chemotherapy, was first made public in his BMS lecture of February 13, 1907. Between the wars and after World War 2, this tradition was continued with topics such as HIV/AIDS, Papilloma-virus vaccine, BSA, SARS, and many others. Many had been presented by Nobel laureates or those who were to become ones later, such as Perutz, the Ruska brothers, Lynen, Eigen, Neher, Zinkernagel, Blobel, zur Hausen, and the ill-fated Ralph Steinman.

In 1915, the Berlin Medical Society and the German Society for Surgery jointly built Langenbeck-Virchow House as their residence. Due to the rapid political changes in the last century, the building underwent dramatic changes of usage and ownership: it was seized in 1945 by the Red Army and expropriated in 1949 by the East German Government to be utilized as its parliament ("Volkskammer"). After German Reunification in 1990, it took the original owners 12 years of fighting in court to successfully reclaim the building. Due to generous sponsoring by the BBraun/Aesculap Medical Products Company, the building was renovated and modernized in 2004/05. It now presents itself as a full-fledged congress center and also seat of headquarters of 25 professional medical societies with 80 000 member physicians. In addition, the worldwide operating Aesculap Academy, situated on the 5th floor of the building, is making it an important center for Continuing Medical Education (CME). Being the residence, too, of Koch-Metchnikoff Forum, a German-Russian Health organization, Langenbeck-Virchow House serves as a base for the export of medical competence to Eastern Europe, especially Russia and other post-SU states.

Our honorary members list reflects the history of European medicine over the past 150 years. Berlin Medical Society is proud to welcome Professor Roland Hetzer to this distinguished group of people.

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When, in the first half of the 19th century, medicine in tandem with the rapidly progressing natural sciences, became a rational science, the plethora of new facts and concepts soon exceeded the capacity of the individual physician to cope with the new challenges. A need developed, in Rudolf Virchow's words, "for a point where the many individual interests and tidbits of knowledge come together, are structured, and are put to use in all different directions which are offered by our science in such a multitude and variety." To meet this demand, BMS



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