

Biography Hans-Dietrich Röher

Professor Hans-Dietrich Röher was the son of a gynecologist born in Magdeburg on 11th November 1936. He was raised in a rural area northeast of West Germany and studied medicine in Göttingen. He began his surgical training in Bassum (a small town in northern Germany) and Berlin. In Berlin he met his chief, Professor F. Linder and in 1963 followed him to Heidelberg. After 11 years at the University of Heidelberg, he became Chief of Surgery in the academic hospital "Bethesda-Krankenhaus Duisburg," before becoming Chief of Surgery at the University of Marburg in 1979.

In 1984 Prof Röher co-founded the German speaking group of endocrine surgeons with German, Austrian, Swiss and other endocrine surgeons and was elected as its first president. In 1986, he was elected as Chief of General and Trauma Surgery in Heinrich-Heine University in Düsseldorf, becoming the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in 1994. He was one of the founders of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons in San Francisco in 1979 and was elected President in 1991. In 2003, he resigned as active Chief of Surgery at Heinrich-Heine University in Düsseldorf but carried on as a member of the many foundations supporting young surgeons and medical students, as well as natural science in general.

Prof Röher has published more than 500 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, more than 40 book chapters, and authored "Visceral Surgery," a basic German textbook for all general and visceral surgeons. He has been honored by many organizations and became a member of the oldest German scientific community "Leopoldina," which was founded in 1652 as a classical scholarly society. He was honored by the Stradina University of Riga with the honoris causa doctorate and by German politicians for his efforts and outstanding achievements in the field of endocrine surgery.