

**Identity:**

Title: Prof. Dr. med., PhD  
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 Age: 56

**Application for the following position in the HFA Board:**

Ordinary Board member

**Place of work**

Institute/organisation:	University Hospital Würzburg
Department:	a) Clinical Research & Epidemiology; b) Internal Medicine I – Cardiology
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**General Curriculum Vitae (500 words max)**

I studied Medicine at University of Homburg/Saar (D), Free University Berlin (D), and Bristol Medical School (UK). I earned a doctoral thesis degree in 1993 (Berlin), a M.Sc. in Clinical Epidemiology in 2003 (Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL), and a Ph.D. in Clinical Epidemiology in 2005 (Utrecht Medical Center, NL). The first years of medical training, between 1994 and 2000, I spent at the Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich (D), and then moved to the Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg. Board Certification in 2006 was followed by Habilitation and *Venia Legendi* at University of Würzburg in 2007.

In 2009, I became one of the five core applicants of a large grant proposal for an *Integrated Center for Research and Patient Care* implemented at my home institution. In 2010 we founded the Comprehensive Heart Failure Center (CHFC; [www.chfc.de](http://www.chfc.de)) Würzburg that operates under the motto: ‘Prevention of Heart Failure and its Complications’. The CHFC integrates a large number of clinical and experimental specialties, from basic to translational to clinical to implementation research. The German Federal Ministry for Education and Research funded the CHFC for 10 years.

Since 2010, I serve as Scientific Director in the CHFC Steering Committee, and since 2011 as full professor at the CHFC. Since 2014, I am heading the newly founded Dept. of Clinical Research & Epidemiology at the CHFC. I am responsible for the CHFC outpatient clinics, where we see >6000 cardiac patients per year, and initiated outpatient clinics for rare diseases (i.e. cardiac amyloidosis/ sarcoidosis, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, morbid obesity, cardiotoxic side effects of new oncologic drugs, etc). I also head the Clinical Research Unit of the CHFC, which has recruited >15,000 subjects into clinical studies since 2011 (investigator-initiated and industry-sponsored). Another important area of my research interest is the Academic Core Lab Echocardiography, which engages in machine-learning supported automated reading.

h-index @web of science: 58; @google.scholar: 73  
 335 peer reviewed publications

## Research areas:

- Epidemiology of heart failure ● Implementation research in CV medicine ● Heart failure awareness ● Non-invasive CV imaging, Focus echocardiography ● Clinical studies in CV research (phase IIa to IV) ● Routinely collected data as a reliable research tool ● Telemedically supported clinical care concepts ●

**Describe previous experience within the HFA, ESC and/or your National Cardiac/ HF Society**

**HFA/ESC:**

I am a longstanding HFA member and have been regularly attending the congresses of HFA and ESC for more than 20 years. Currently, I actively participate in the Committee of National Heart Failure Societies, the HF Atlas Project, the Quality of Care Centers Initiative, the writing group on Quality Indicators for Heart Failure Care, the heartfailurematters.org website group, and the ICARe-HF program.

- 2023–today Steering Group Member of the ICARe-HF Program
- 2010–today Steering Group Member for the European Heart Failure Awareness Day
- 2010–today Member and Steering Group Member for the Heart Failure Patient Website (www.heartfailurematters.org)
- 2009–today Founding Member of the HFA Committee on National Heart Failure Societies

**German Cardiac Society:**

- 2023–today Board Member Working Group on Telemedicine
- 2016–today Coordinator of the Steering Group for the Certification of Heart Failure Units in Germany
- 2017–today Initiation of the Heart Failure Specialized Assistant Curriculum Germany (370 staff qualified)
- 2009–today Initiation of the Heart Failure Nurse Curriculum Germany (355 staff qualified)
- 2009–today Core Member for the Writing Group “National Guideline Heart Failure Care” (published 2009, and updated 2013, 2017/18, and annually thereafter)
- 2011–today Nucleus Member for the Working Group Heart Failure of the German Cardiac Society
- 2009–2011 Chair of the Working Group Heart Failure of the German Cardiac Society

**Why are you motivated to join the HFA Board or Nominating Committee?**

I had the privilege and joy to work with Ulf Dahlstrøm, Petar Seferovic & Kenneth Dickstein, inspirational leaders in the area of inventing and implementing network structures: they connect people and countries – and are fun. I enjoyed working for these committees and loved to see the stepwise formation and coming alive of ideas. In case of election, I would strive to support a number of important ongoing activities that are in the focus of the current presidential agenda. These include the compilation and iterative updating of the ESC-HFA Atlas in Europe, implementing a sustainable model for HFA Quality of HF Care Centres, and moulding the annual Heart Failure Awareness activities into a research initiative that not only fosters awareness that can be measured, but also convinces health policy makers and health business stakeholders to invest in heart failure research.

**How will you combine your HFA position with your daily clinical/research workload?**

Throughout the year, I will devote a fixed amount of 6 hours per week to work related to the HFA Board activities. This has been agreed with and is supported by my employer, the director of the Dept. Internal Medicine I (Prof. Dr. Stefan Frantz).