

Professor Dr Leena Karina Bruckner-Tuderman is chair of the Dermatology Department of University Freiburg – Medical Center. She is specialist of dermatology and molecular medicine.

Born and grown up in Finland, she studied medicine at the University of Oulu, and received her MD there.

The scientific research work on structural skin biology began at the Rutgers Medical School, in the USA, and at the Biocenter of the University of Basel, Switzerland..

Meanwhile she completed the dermatology residency in Zurich, where she became a habilitated senior staff member and received a SCORE fellowship from the Swiss National Science Foundation.

In 1993 she was invited as a senior staff member to the Dermatology Department of the University Hospital Muenster, Germany, and together with a second *habilitation she became* professor by special appointment of dermatology and venereology. After a visiting professorial fellowship at Harvard Medical School, USA, in 2003 she was appointed as professor and chair to the Dermatology Department of the University Freiburg – Medical Center.

She is also working for the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) where she was International Senior Fellow and Director of Life Sciences between 2010-13

Professor Leena Bruckner-Tuderman is

- Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences, and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina,

Recipient of the several international scientific awards, research prizes, honorary lectures and fellowships, she is also honorary professor of the University Hong Kong, corresponding member of the Finnish, Swiss, Swedish Dermatological Societies, and **honorary member of the Hungarian Dermatological Society**

Her major scientific interest include biology and pathology of the skin/epithelia, like genetic skin diseases, biology of the extracellular matrix and the basement membranes

There is an active scientific collaboration between the Dermatology Departments of the Freiburg and the Semmelweis Universities: she educated young colleagues from Hungary and introduced them into the diagnostic and research genetics of epidermolysis bullosa diseases.