

I have the great pleasure to introduce Professor Stefan Anker, heart failure specialist, Head of Field "Tissue Homeostasis and Cachexia" at Charité University, Berlin, Germany; previous Professor of Innovative Clinical Trials, focusing on new therapies of chronic heart failure, at University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany.

Professor Anker played an important role in the promotion of cooperation among Hungarian and German cardiology professionals. In 2016 the Hungarian Society of Cardiology even awarded him honorary membership; he attended the Society's scientific sessions and conferences several times and held lectures there. He works in a close collaboration with the physicians and researchers of the Heart and Vascular Center of Semmelweis University. There are several large, randomized heart failure trials, in which he involved the Clinic and Rector Merkely as steering committee member. Besides, more than 25 articles were born from this cooperation, which were published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Professor Anker studied medicine at Charité Medical School of Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany, then completed his PhD at the National Heart and Lung Institute of [Imperial College London](#), United Kingdom, in 1998. Since then, he has had teaching appointments in several countries (UK, Germany, Australia, Italy).

His particular research interests include the pathophysiology and treatment of acute and chronic [heart failure](#) (CHF), cardiac device therapy, clinical evaluation of cardiovascular [biomarkers](#), pathophysiology of muscle wasting, [cachexia](#) therapy in CHF, ageing, [sarcopenia](#) and [cancer](#).

Professor Anker is a member of and serves on the Boards of several academic organizations. He serves on the editorial boards of five scientific journals (including European Heart Journal and European Journal of Heart Failure). He is founding Editor-in-Chief of the [Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle](#)^[10] and of ESC Heart Failure, which is the first open access heart failure journal.

He has authored more than 1,000 articles (with a total citation of more than 97,000; h-index: 140; number of papers with more than 200 citations: 103). Between 2015 and 2020 he was named Highly Cited Researcher every year. For his work Professor Anker has won several prizes, including the 2018 Copernicus Prize of German DFG & Polish FNP.