**Laudation of Prof. Dr. Dirk Pickuth**

Professor Dirk Pickuth studied medicine at the universities of Kiel,London, and Edinburgh. He spent Clinical Research Fellowships at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, the British Institute of Cancer Research in London, and the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, among others. He was radiology resident at the University Hospitals in London and Heidelberg. He is currently a Professor of Radiology, and was Director of the Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at the Caritas Klinikum St. Theresia in Saarbruecken since 2001 and Medical Director of the Hospital Trust since 2006.

Professor Pickuth has published numerous national and international scientific papers and posters. His scientific and clinical interests focus on oncological and abdominal imaging, as well as on whole body MRI and computer assisted radiology. Professor Pickuth is author of several textbooks of radiology in various languages. He has received many academic scholarships, publication prizes, and scientific awards, such as the Hippokrates Prize and the Roentgen Medal. Professor Pickuth has been awarded some exceptionally high honours, including Visiting Professorships and Honorary Professorships. He is an active member of several scientific societies and professional associations. Professor Pickuth has also initiated various European cooperation projects for students and academics in radiology.

For more than a decade, Professor Pickuth has regarded himself as an ambassador of Semmelweis University. His mission is to promote mutual cooperation between Hungary and Germany for the benefit of medicine, science, friendship, and peace. Professor Pickuth is proud to serve Semmelweis University as an academic lecturer and, since 2007, as a visiting professor of diagnostic radiology.