

Professor Herbert Ehringer

Professor Herbert Ehringer was born in Bregenz am Bodensee in 1932. After finishing his primary and secondary education in Bregenz, he pursued his studies in medicine at the University Innsbruck and Vienna. He graduated in 1957, was promoted to Dr. med., and was honoured with the title “sub auspiciis praesidentis rei publicae” at the University of Innsbruck.

His scientific activity started at the Institute for Pathology and Anatomy and at the Institute of Pharmacology of the University of Vienna. His pioneering research activities on the concentration of adrenalin and dopamine in the human brain and their behaviour in neostriatum in patients with Parkinson disease or post-encephalitic parkinsonismus was published in 1960 and became a „citation classic” with more than 1200 citation. These results substantiated the understanding of the pathophysiology and the contemporary therapeutical modalities of Parkinson disease. In 1962, his work on low extremity plethysmography was published in **Nature** entitled „Analysis of the vasodilator action of adrenalin on the skeletal muscle vessels of man”.

Upon request of Professor Edwin Deutsch, head of the 1st Department of Internal Medicine of the University of Vienna, he established the Department of Angiology in 1964. From 1975 he worked as the head of one of the largest angiological clinics of the world pursuing very intensive and internationally recognised scientific activities. Professor Ehringer was the founder of scientific societies, principal organiser of international symposiums and member of advisory boards of numerous international journals in the field of angiology.

Professor Herbert Ehringer is a member of the Lions Club which offers assistance programs and supports culture, healthcare and harmony between nations. The Lions Österreich Projekt **Medizinstudenten ohne Grenzen** was established by Professor Ehringer on the occasion of the enlargement of the European Union in 2004. Six out of the ten countries that joined the EU had a common history with Austria. Medical students from 25 universities in Central-, Eastern- and South-Eastern Europe stayed for four weeks in Vienna during an intensive hospital practice supported by the Lions Club. More than 50 students from Semmelweis University have participated in the program which strengthened the cooperation, the friendship, the understanding and the professional development between universities and medical students, respectively.

The Senate of Semmelweis University decided to award the title of Honoris Causa to Professor Ehringer following on the proposal of Professor György Fekete and Professor István Karádi in 2014.