

I have the great pleasure to introduce Professor Hans Henkes, an internationally recognized interventional neuroradiologist, the Medical Director for Neuroradiology at the Neuroradiological Clinic at Katharinenhospital, Klinikum Stuttgart.

Professor Henkes studied psychology and medicine at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany between 1977 and 1985. His medical training included Clinical Neurophysiology and Radiology at the Klinikum Charlottenburg (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) and Diagnostic Neuroradiology at the Klinikum Homburg/Saar, Universität des Saarlandes, Germany. He started his training in Interventional Neuroradiology in 1992 as a resident at the Klinik für Radiologie und Neuroradiologie at the Alfried Krupp Krankenhaus Essen, Germany. There he became “Oberarzt” in 1995 and “Leitender Oberarzt” in 2000. From March 2003 until December 2006, he was also Medical Director of the Robert Janker Klinik, Bonn, Germany. Since 2007 Professor Henkes is Medical Director of the Neuroradiological Clinic at the Klinikum Stuttgart, Germany. Milestones of his formal qualification were Doctorate in 1989, board certifications for Radiology in 1991 and for Neuroradiology in 1993, *venia legendi* for Neuroradiology by the University Duisburg-Essen in 1999, and extraordinary professorship there in 2006. In 2012 Professor Henkes was awarded “Doctor honoris causa” and member of the Scientific Academy by the Medical Faculty of the University of Dnepr, Ukraine.

Professor Henkes is, first of all, a clinically active physician, deeply involved in the treatment and consultation of patients with neurovascular disorders. Beyond that he is an active and successful scientist, author of nearly 500 publications with a current h-index of 45 and 7585 citations. In 2014 he and his team received the ESNR-Springer Award for the most cited article of the journal NEURORADIOLOGY. Professor Henkes is also an inventor of neurointerventional devices and treatment modalities. He is named co-inventor of 61 main patents with several hundred international submissions. In 2008 he performed the first stent-retriever thrombectomy for acute ischemic stroke treatment, using a Solitaire stent (of which he is also co-inventor). Since then mechanical thrombectomy has become the worldwide accepted treatment method for large intracranial vessel occlusion in acute ischemic stroke. In 2017 he was granted the CIRSE Award of Excellence and Innovation in IR.

Professor Henkes has travelled to Budapest several times to hold lectures in the frame of German language education, and supports the preparation of Semmelweis University in the stroke care with enthusiasm.