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Biosketch

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Bert is the Else Kröner-Seniorprofessor of Paediatrics at LMU – Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich, Dept. Paediatrics, Dr. von Hauner Children’s Hospital, LMU University Hospitals, Munich, Germany. He was trained in paediatrics at Baragwanath Hospital, Johannesburg-Soweto, South Africa; Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, Moshi, Tanzania; and the Children’s Hospitals of the Universities of Düsseldorf, Germany and Toronto, Canada. His work focusses on metabolic and nutritional modulators of child health and on disease prevention. Bert is author of 1159 scientific journal articles (Web of Science H-index 95; 35,359), 250 book chapters, and 45 books/monographies. His research funding amounted to 20 Mio.€ during the last decade and was provided by the European Union (EU) Framework Research Programmes, EU Research Council, EU Erasmus+ Programmes, EU Joint Programming Initiative, German Research Council, German Federal Ministry Education & Research, German Ministry of Health, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, US National Institutes of Health, German Academic Exchange Service, Else Kröner Fresenius Foundation, Family Larsson Rosenquist Foundation, and other funding bodies. Bert is rated by Expertscape 2023 as “World Expert” in research on “Breastfeeding”, “Human Milk”, “Milk” and “Infant Nutritional Physiological Phenomena” (among the top 0.01 % researchers worldwide based on publications in the last decade), and as the world’s top rated expert in the areas “Child Nutritional Physiological Phenomena” and “Child Nutrition Science”.

Bert is Editor in Chief of *Ann Nutrition & Metabolism* and of *World Rev Nutrition & Dietetics*, and Associate Editor of *Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metabol Care* and *Monatsschrift Kinderheilkunde*. He serves as Strategic Advisor on Nutrition and Standing Committee Member, International Pediatric Association; Treasurer, United European Gastroenterology; Chair, Committee Nutrition, German Society Pediatrics; and Board of Directors Member, Biomedical Alliance in Europe. Bert has been a member of the grant review board medicine, German Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG), and chair and deputy chair of the DFG Clinical Trial grant review board. He is Past President of Federation Int Soc of Paediatr Gastroenterol, Hepatol & Nutrition (FISPGHAN), European Soc of Paediatr Gastroenterol, Hepatol & Nutrition (ESPGHAN), Int Soc Res Human Milk & Lactation (ISRHML), and German Society of Nutritional Medicine (DGEM). He has been acting as Scientific Advisor to the German Federal Government, the Innovation Initiative of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, the European Commission, the European Parliament, the World Health Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, and other national and international governmental bodies and organisations.

Bert is the founder and chair of the Board of the charitable Stiftung Kindergesundheit (Child Health Foundation) based at the Children’s Hospital, LMU University of Munich. The foundation successfully engages in science and evidence based promotion of child health and disease prevention since 1997. With a total income exceeding 1.6 Mio. € in 2022, Stiftung Kindergesundheit i.a. implements a primary school health promotion programme reaching one third of all primary schools in Germany and a Kindergarten health promotion programme reaching more than 2500 day care centers and more than 200 000 children and their families in in Germany and Austria. In 2022 it has published the first Child Health Report for Germany summarizing data on the state of child health and formulating suggestions for actions.