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Prof. Dr. Cezmi Akdis, MD has received his medical degree, residency in Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology, and in Immunology at Uludag University in Bursa.

Dr. Akdis is the Director of the Swiss Institute of Allergy and Asthma Research (SIAF), Davos, Professor in Zurich University Medical Faculty, and one of the directors of the Christine Kühne-Center for Allergy Research and Education, Davos, Switzerland. He was the President of the European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology (11'000 members) between 2011-2013. Executive Committee Member between 2003- 2015 and Vice President between 2007-2011.

Areas of Research;

Prof. Akdis's research has been focused on immune tolerance mechanisms in humans, developing novel vaccines and treatment modalities, and regulation and role of tissue cells and epithelial barrier in asthma and allergies. He has strongly contributed to the initiation of disease endotypes and precision medicine concepts in allergies and asthma. He has been continuously

performing vaccine, human immunology, lung and skin research to find solutions for allergies and asthma.

Honors and Recognitions;

Prof. Akdis has published more than 450 articles and 50 books and book chapters. H-index: 82, total number of citations more than 23'500 (Web of Science), (h-index: 101 and 39'700, Google Scholar). He is selected to ISI Web of Science, Thomson Reuters (Clarivate) Highly Cited Researcher, Most Innovative Minds List during the last three years that includes all disciplines of science. He is the editor of three Global Atlases. Allergy (written by an international group of 183 opinion leaders, and includes 274 illustrations and 100 tables), Asthma (written by an international group of 80 opinion leaders, and includes 147 illustrations and 46 tables) and Allergic Rhinitis and Chronic Rhinosinusitis (written by an international group of 218 opinion leaders, and includes 269 illustrations and 92 tables). These atlases have been downloaded more than 70'000 copies and 25'000 copies distributed in print. They are translated to Chinese and Spanish. He served in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology as Editorial Board member (2003), Associate Editor (2007-2015), Co-Editor-in-Chief 2015-2018. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Allergy, European Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Prof. Akdis is the founder and organizer of World Immune Regulation Meetings, Davos I-XII (600-1000 participants). One of the founders and Past Chair of International Coalition in Allergy and Asthma (iCAALL), a presidents' network between 4 main organizations in the area of allergy and clinical immunology, European Academy, American Academy, American College and World Allergy Organization, and one of the founders and executive committee member of Global Allergy and Asthma European Network (GA2 LEN). He was honoured with several international honors and awards, such as Ferdinand Wortman Prize, 1996; Hoechst Marion Roussel Award, 1998; Professor Hans Storck Award, 1998; Dr.-Karl Heyer-Preis, 1998; Sedat Simavi Medicine Award, 1998; Allergopharma Award, 2001; European Allergy Research "Gold Medal", 2004; TUBITAK Exclusive Award, 2007; BUSIAD Award 2012; World Allergy Organization Award, 2013; AAAAI, Elliott Middleton Memorial Lecture, 2014; European Federation of Immunology Societies, World Immunology Day Lectures, 2014 and 2017; Honors given by the Ozbekistan Academy of Sciences, 2015 and Capital University of Beijing, 2015,

Swiss Society of Allergy Immunology, 2017. He is an honorary Professor in Capital Medical University, National Tongren Hospital, Beijing Institute of Otolaryngology, China. Prof. Akdis is a Senate Member of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences and an honorary member of the Swiss Society of Allergy Immunology (SGAI-SSAI).