

Otmar Kloiber
Secretary General of the World Medical Association

Dr. Kloiber has served as Secretary General of the World Medical Association since 2005. Prior to that, he served as Secretary of the German Medical Association (1997 - 2002) and Deputy Secretary General of the German Medical Association (2002 - 2005). He also served as a member of the Study Commission on the Law and Ethics of Modern Medicine of the German Bundestag (Parliament), 14th electoral term.

From 1991 – 1997, Dr. Kloiber served as foreign relations adviser to the German Medical Association (Federation of the State Chambers of Physicians) maintaining international and bilateral contacts and co-operations in European and international bodies, international and foreign health policy, co-operation with central and east European organizations and administrations, support for health and social policy reforms, and construction of the German Health Network (DGN).

Dr. Kloiber served with the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), the World Medical Association (WMA), the International Conference of Medical Chambers (CIO), the European Forum of Medical Associations, the World Health Organization (WHO), and other national medical associations. Dr. Kloiber has been instrumental in the implementation of regional conferences of National Medical Association Leadership, in the planning and implementation of the WMA/Caring Physician of the World Physicians Leadership Courses, and in the publication of the *Caring Physicians of the World* books.

Dr. Kloiber serves as the International Fellow and Advisor for the Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy at the University of North Florida (UNF). He also served as Clinical Professor in Health Administration at the UNF Brooks College of Health from 2009 to 2013. Dr. Kloiber lectures internationally on medical ethics and deontology under the influence of health system organization and its relation to the provision of medical services.

Dr. Kloiber studied medicine at the University of Cologne from 1974 until 1985. He prepared his doctoral thesis in experimental brain research at the Max-Planck-Institute for Neurological Research, Cologne. From 1985 through 1986 he was a Postdoctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, USA, Department of Biochemistry, neurotoxicology and cerebral substance transport. In 1986 he returned to the Max-Planck-Institute for Neurological Research, Cologne to do research on brain energy metabolism and cerebral blood flow. In 2006, Dr. Kloiber received an honorary doctorate of the Victor Babes University for Medicine and Pharmaceutics from Timisoara, Romania.