

## **Dirk Dressler**

Dirk Dressler, MD, PhD, obtained his medical education at Georg-August University, Goettingen, Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen and at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. He is a fully board certified neurologist and psychiatrist. After several years of postgraduate training at the National Hospital for Neurology and the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London, UK he took over a position as consultant neurologist and Associate Professor of Neurology at Rostock University, Rostock, Germany. In September 2008 he was appointed Full Professor of Neurology and Head of Movement Disorders Section at the Department of Neurology, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany.



He is one of the pioneers of botulinum toxin therapy in Europe. He published over 600 articles, book chapters and abstracts as well as several books on dystonia, other movement disorders and on botulinum toxin therapy. He received a honorary professorship of the University of Santiago de Chile for his contributions to the development of botulinum toxin therapy and holds visiting professorships of the universities of Sao Paulo, Brazil and Monterrey, Mexico. He also holds several patents on botulinum toxin and botulinum toxin therapy.

Dr Dressler is co-founder and convenor of the International Congress on Treatment of Dystonia, co-founder of IAB - Interdisciplinary Working Group for Movement Disorders, editor and reviewer of several international neurological journals, member of the board of directors of We Move, New York, NY and founding member of the board of directors of the International Neurotoxin Association, Dover, DE, USA. He served as member of the advisory board of the German Dystonia Society, Hamburg, the Bundesverband Torticollis e.V., Hamm, the Fundacion Dystonia, Santiago, Chile, the Associacao Brasileira de Portadores de Distonias, Sao Paulo, Brazil, the National Spasmodic Torticollis Association, Los Angeles, CA and the Swiss Dystonia Society, Basle, Switzerland. He is member of various international medical societies including the International Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders (Full and Voting Member) and the International Society of Parkinson and Movement Disorders. He served as project reviewer for The Wellcome Trust, London, UK, the National Medical Research Council, Singapore and the Czech Ministry of Health. He also works as consultant for various international pharmaceutical companies including Merz Pharmaceuticals, Allergan, Ipsen, Solstice/Eisai, Syntaxin and Medtronic.

He is married to Dr Fereshte Adib Saberi. He is member of the Reform Club, London and the Anglo-German Club, Hamburg and his hobbies include arts and classic cars collection and off-road motorbiking.