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Academic degrees

Doctor of Medicine of the Christian-Albrechts University Kiel
 Doctor honoris causa of the University Siena, Italy
 University Professor for Pathology from 1984 to 2010 of the Free University Berlin and
 the Charité University Medicine Berlin
 Currently Emeritus Professor of the Charité University Medicine Berlin

Prizes and honors

Award of the University of Kiel for the years' best thesis (1970)
 Carlo Erber Award (1982)
 William Warner Award (1983)
 Deutscher Krebspreis (German Cancer Prize) (1998)
 Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Pathology, GB (2004)
 Johann-Georg-Zimmermann-Medaille (2005)
 Doctor honoris causa by the University of Siena, Italy (2007)
 Deutscher Krebshilfe Preis 2008 (German Cancer Aid award 2008) (2009)
 Member of the National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina (2010)

Editorial board

Histopathology
 The Journal of Pathology
 Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hematopathology
 4th edition of the WHO classification of myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms

Selected publications - Publication of more than 700 papers:

Discovery of histiocytic lymphomas being derived from B cells.
 Establishment of the Kiel Classification for Malignant Lymphomas with Karl Lennert in
 1973/5

Discovery of the proliferation marker molecule Ki-67, CD21 as a highly specific marker for follicular dendritic cells (FDCs) and the consistent presence of FDCs in follicular lymphoma, the Hodgkin lymphoma most characteristic cytokine receptor CD30,

Discovery of two new lymphoma diseases anaplastic large cell lymphoma and plasmablastic lymphoma.

Organization of a large international study on subtyping of Hodgkin lymphoma which led to the finding that the disease entity nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma was confused with a not recognized subtype of classical Hodgkin lymphoma. The new subtype was designated as nodular B-cell rich classical Hodgkin lymphoma.

Contribution to the finding that the dysplastic cells of both types of Hodgkin lymphoma and of lymphomatoid papulosis are monoclonal expansions of B cells or T cells respectively.

Involvement of epigenetic mechanisms in silencing of the B-cell or T-cell program of Reed-Sternberg of classical Hodgkin lymphoma or anaplastic large cell lymphoma respectively.

Foundation of the International Lymphoma Study Group (ILSG) together with Peter Isaacson in 1991 by bringing internationally known experts in haematopathology together which resulted in a close cooperation between the old and new world and finally in a worldwide used lymphoma classification published by the WHO in 2001 and update in 2008.