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Prof. Dr. T. Iftner graduated in 1988 as PhD at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuernberg and did his postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a full professor at the Eberhard-Karls University of Tuebingen and Director of the Institute of Medical Virology and Epidemiology of Viral Diseases. Prof. Iftner is also CEO of the University Hospital owned company "UFE" with the goal of fostering new startup companies in the medical field. In addition, he is adjunct professor at the James Cook University, Townsville, Australia, since 2009. From 2006-2017 he was Founder and Dean of Students of the program "Molecular Medicine" and from 2010-2020 Vice Dean of the Medical Faculty of Tuebingen, Germany.

Prof. Iftner is also co-founder and former director of the European Consortium against Cervical Cancer (ECCA, Lyon, France). Furthermore, he was member of the expert panel of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France, for drafting the Cervical Cancer Screening Handbook, as well as the Monograph on Cervical Cancer Prevention and Papillomaviruses, in which the valid risk classification of HPV genotypes has been set.

He has been the chairman and initiator of the "Zervita" (www.zervita.de) project group since 2006 which aims to inform the public about risk factors, prevention, early detection and treatment of cervical cancer. He is a Member of the Expert Group "Aerosols and SARS-CoV-2 infections" of the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts and advisor to the state government of Baden-Wuerttemberg/Germany.

The research interests of Professor Iftner in the field of papillomaviruses range from basic research, animal models and clinical trials to molecular epidemiology. He produced more than 240 publications (citations above 12,000, h-index 55, i10-index 134) along with 10 international patents. He was speaker of a number of collaborative research projects and Research Training groups funded by the EU or the German-Science foundation (DFG).

On the basis of his research more than 70 students have been awarded PhD and MD degrees. Apart from this Prof. Iftner is providing support and guidance to worldwide leading companies involved in diagnostics and pharmaceutical research.

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