Curriculum vitae

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Original Profession Advertisement manager

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After my primary education I worked for 7 years as an advertisement manager in different international advertising agencies. From 1978 to 1990 I worked at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich on different projects designed to the developing world, especially in the field of Food Science. After becoming blind I moved to become a CEO and social worker for Retina Suisse.

Affected by Retinitis pigmentosa myself I got involved in the RP Society Switzerland as a founding member and from 1986 to 2007 as its president. 1992 I was elected president of Retina International (former International Retinitis pigmentosa Association). In this capacity I am involved in promoting research on a national and international level and coordinating the efforts made by the individual countries. I am and was also involved in a number of European research initiatives and projects within the field of retinal degenerative diseases.

Further positions within the field of blindness:

1992 – 2004 member of the Board of the Swiss Library for the Blind

1994 – 2007 member of the board and vice-president of the Swiss National Council of and for the Blind

1999 - today Member of the board of AMD Alliance International

2008 – today Trustee of the Foundation "Restaurant Blind Cow", Zürich

Awards

1996 Honorary member of the Swiss Society of Ophthalmology 2006 Special recognition award of the Paul Schiller Foundation