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## **Abayomi, Akin**

Professor Abayomi is the Chief Pathologist and Head of the Division of Haematology at the University of Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa ([www.sun.ac.za/haema](http://www.sun.ac.za/haema)) and strategic director of the Cape Haematology Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Constantiaberg Medi-Clinic, Cape Town ([www.capehaem.co.za](http://www.capehaem.co.za)). Akin Abayomi studied at the at the Royal Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital in the University of London where he attained his first graduate degree in Medicine. He went on to specialize in Internal Medicine and Haematology, obtaining fellowships from the Royal College of Medicine and the Royal College of Pathologists of the United Kingdom as well as the College of Medicine of South Africa. Has worked in several countries around the world in both Internal Medicine and Haematology. Akin Abayomi's focus has mainly been on the complications of HIV and the development of laboratory and clinical capacity to rise to the challenge of the HIV epidemic in the Developing world and Africa. He is an executive council member of the International Society of Clinical Cytometry, and the Caribbean Cytometry and Analytical Society. He is also the International Adviser to Africa for the Royal College of Pathologists of United Kingdom and Chair of the South African Expert Committee of Haematologists. He is the PI to the Tygerberg Lymphomas Study Group and the H3Africa NHLS Stellenbosch H3Africa Cape Town Biobank. Akin Abayomi is also interested in the impact of climate change on health and the footprint of humanity on ecological integrity and human-wildlife interaction.

## Barnes, Ian

Ian Barnes is Professor of Molecular Palaeobiology at Royal Holloway University of London, and uses molecular techniques to investigate evolutionary problems. His first degree is in Archaeological Science (from Bradford) and his PhD was in Molecular Ecology (from York). Subsequently he has worked in Oxford, and held fellowships at UCL and RHUL. His research mainly involves the use of ancient DNA - DNA recovered from historical, archaeological and palaeontological specimens. A major focus of his work has been the Late Pleistocene Holarctic – a region from Europe across Asia into North America, during a period between 100 to 10 thousand years ago. During this time, many large animal species died out, but some seem to have flourished. He is investigating faunal response to a complex series of changes in climate, plants, sea-levels and glaciers, as well as the arrival of modern humans in these areas. He has published over 40 papers on this, and other topics, including work on the Caribbean mammal fauna, human adaptation and DNA recovery from museum materials.

## Benson, Erica

Erica Benson, has a BSc in plant physiology and microbiology, a PhD in marine biology and over 25 years academic and international development experience in the environmental sciences and conservation. She has a keen interest in trans-disciplinary cryobiology and has recently co-published generic storage guidelines based on cryobiological principles. She is an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, has held lectureships in UK universities and co-delivers an ISBER-endorsed Biobanking course at the University of Luxembourg in cooperation with the Integrated Biobank of Luxembourg. Erica has held research fellowships at universities in Crete and South Africa and has considerable international experience (EU, Brazil, Malaysia, India, South Africa, Kazakhstan, South and North America) in conservation research and education, particularly in emergent countries, international RTD programmes and research infrastructures. She is a member of ISBER's Biospecimen Science Work Group and Education and Training Committee. She is an Honorary Research Associate at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Associate Lecturer and Visiting Research Fellow in cryobiology at the University of Derby. Erica currently works as a free lance scientist based in Scotland, her activities range from teaching conservation, to enabling the development of *in vitro* conservation best practices for the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research clonal crop genebanks; to facilitating native plant conservation in the Scottish Northern Isles.

## Biunno, Ida

Ida Biunno has a PhD in molecular oncology from the University of Pennsylvania (USA) and from University of Milano-Italy. She was research associate at the National Cancer Institute of Milano and joined the National

Research Council 1988 to work with Prof. Renato Dubecco in the realization of the Human Genome Project. Within this project, she has cloned five new genes and is characterizing the role of one of them (SEL1L) in tumor biology and cancer stem cells. She is also adjunct associate professor at Temple University (Philadelphia-USA) in the department of Biotechnology and Biomedicine. She has been involved in Biobanking activities since 2005 and today she is running a dedicated Stem Cell Biobanking infrastructure in Milano partially financed by the European Community.

## **Cohen, Yehudit**

Yehudit Cohen is currently the Scientific Director of the Sheba Institutional Tissue Banks (ITB), established in 2008. She received her M.Sc. at the Department of Clinical Biochemistry, the Technion Medical School, working with Prof. Avraham Hershko, Nobel Laureate (2004), on various aspects of the Ubiquitin pathway. Her Ph.D was obtained at the Department of Molecular-Genetics, the Weizmann Institute of Science, where she also did her post doctoral fellowship in cancer research, in the Department of Molecular-Cell-Biology, with Prof. Varda Rotter. Projects of interest dealt with p53 status, normal and mutant, and its effect on the cell in malignancy.

Her professional experience includes working as a lab manager at Rosetta Genomics Ltd., working as R&D and Project Manager at Hy-Laboratories Ltd., and working as a lab manager at the Oncology Institute, SMC. Since 2008 Yehudit has served as the Scientific Director of Sheba's ITB, the largest tissue bank in Israel (more than 3000 donors, with more than 35000 biosamples). She is a member at the steering committee of Sheba's ITB and the chairperson of the ITB scientific committee for evaluation of requests for biospecimen distribution. Yehudit is serving as a focal point in ethic issues relevant to the ITB, writing SOP's and funding applications, managing the team and sample collection, preservation and distribution, and initiating research projects. Since 2009 Yehudit has been an active member at the Israeli initiative team for the establishment of a National Biobank for Research. This team is led by Nobel Laureate (2004) Prof. Aaron Ciechanover.

## **Collins, Matthew**

Matthew Collins is a Professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of York. He completed a degree in Marine Zoology (Wales) then a PhD in Geology (Glasgow, Scottish Marine Biological Information) before NERC and Royal Society Fellowships at Glasgow and Leiden (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and postdoctoral research at Bristol (Biogeochemistry). He first lectured in Biogeochemistry (Newcastle) before his cherished dream to be a molecular fossil hunter were crushed. It was his fault for choosing to specialise in the wrong class of molecules, proteins. These are strings of amino acids which form the majority of biomolecules in your body, the machinery and the machines. In the time it takes to become a fossil these

strings have shattered into tiny pieces, so he began working on progressively younger fossils, until he realised that he was almost exclusively studying archaeological remains. He pestered the Archaeology Department at York for two years with the idea of BioArCh, a place where biologists and chemists would work together with archaeologists, before moving into a two story portakabin next to the Biology Department in 2003. BioArCh research rides on the back of technological advances in the study of biomolecules and tries to share the excitement of this new research area with Archaeology students.

## de Luna, Francisco

PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Medical School, Madrid Autonomous University in 2009, and Master Degree in Biobanking and use of human samples in biomedical research at the Valencia Catholic University, 2012. I worked as a research assistant at the Institute for Stem Cell Research, University of Edinburgh, UK (1); completed my PhD on stem cell research and cardiac regeneration at the Spanish National Cardiovascular Research Centre (CNIC) (2) and worked as scientific attaché at the British Embassy in Madrid before joining in 2011 the Spanish National Biobank Network, coordinated from the node of the Spanish Cancer Research Centre (CNIO) as Deputy Coordinator (3). The Spanish Biobank Network integrates 63 centres from all around Spain.

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## **Emmrich, Frank**

Professor Emmrich was born in 1994 in Sachsen-Anhalt, East Germany. He studied human medicine at the University of Leipzig and received medical degrees in 1974 and 1975. In 1986, he habilitated in the field of immunology at the University of Freiburg/Br.

Professor Emmrich worked as physician until 1978 in the Department of Internal Medicine of the University Hospital Leipzig, and then as staff scientist at the Institute for Immunodrugs and Culture Media in Berlin. After one year as research assistant at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Heidelberg he worked until 1986 as senior investigator at the Max-Planck-Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg. In 1986 he followed an offer to become Professor (C3) of Clinical Immunology at the Medical Clinic IV of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg. In parallel, he became head of the Research Department Rheumatology/Immunology affiliated to the Max-Planck-Society at the University Erlangen-Nürnberg. In 1994 he became full professor (C4) and Chairman of the Department of Clinical Immunology at the University of Leipzig. From 1997 to 2005 he was coordinator and chairman of the Interdisciplinary Center for Clinical Research (IZKF) of the University of Leipzig. 2005 he became founding and executive director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology (IZI) in Leipzig. From 2005 to 2010 he acted as Secretary-General and Vice-Chairman of the Association of Clinical Research Centers of German Universities (ACRC). In 2006 he became founding director of the Translational Centre for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Leipzig (TRM). In 2008 he was elected deputy group chairman of the Fraunhofer Group of Life Sciences (VLS). In 2008 Professor Emmrich became member of the German National Ethics Council and has been board member of the Verein zur Förderung der Gesundheitswirtschaft in der Region Leipzig (VfG e.V.), and also board member of the BIO-NET GmbH Leipzig.

The research focus of Prof. Emmrich is immunology, in particular cellular immunology and aspects of immunological tolerance, and more general cell biology and regenerative medicine. He published more than 260 reviewed scientific articles and is member of numerous scientific and editorial boards. In 2010, he was chairman of the Annual Conference of the German Association for Immunology (DGfI) and in 2013 he will be the chairman of the World Conference of Regenerative Medicine to be held in Leipzig at the International Congress Centre.

## **Fornaciari, Gino**

Dr. Gino Fornaciari is Full Professor of History of Medicine at the Medical School of the University of Pisa, of Paleopathology and Funerary Archaeology at the Sciences and Humanities Faculties, and is Director of the Division of Paleopathology.

Gino Fornaciari has a medical and pathological background, but he worked also in the past in the fields of anthropology and human paleontology. In addition to paleopathology his main areas of current interest concern the study of mummies, paleonutrition and identification of ancient bacteria and viruses. In particular, he has employed modern biomedical techniques (EM and immunohistochemistry) for the study of soft tissues in Egyptian, Peruvian and Italian mummies.

Among the most important series of mummies studied, there are the Aragonese kings of the Abbey of S. Domenico Maggiore in Naples (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries), the tombs of Della Rovere family, dukes of Urbino (16<sup>th</sup> century), the Chapel of the Dead of Santa Maria della Grazia in Comiso, Sicily (18th-19th centuries), and finally the Grand Dukes of Medici in the Basilica of S. Lorenzo in Florence (16th-18th centuries).

These studies have made it possible to identify some important ancient pathogens and to confirm the presence of cancer during the Italian Renaissance, comparing the pattern of development in ancient and modern age diseases.

Gino Fornaciari has authored more than 300 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, some monographs and handbooks and conducted numerous scientific missions in Italy and abroad.

## **Harding, Keith**

Dr Keith Harding is a biochemist/molecular biologist, he has a BSc in medical biochemistry and microbiology, PhD in plant genetic transformation and over 30 years experience in molecular genetics, biotechnology, crop genetic resources conservation and plant breeding. His career spans both academic and government sectors, including research fellowships/associate lectureships held at the universities of Nottingham, Derby, Crete, KwaZulu-Natal and Witwatersrand. He has worked as a scientist at the Scottish Crop Research Institute, during which time he compiled UK Government advisory reports on risk assessment of Genetically Modified Organisms. Dr Harding is internationally recognised for his pioneering work on cryopreservation and genetic stability and proposed the cryobionomics concept for algal culture collections and plant conservation. He has delivered numerous courses and technology transfers in Europe, Malaysia, Brazil, Australia and South Africa and has been a consultant for the validation of *in vitro* conservation protocols for the CGIAR's clonal crop genebanks. Dr Harding is an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a member of ISBER's Biospecimen Science

Work Group, an Honorary Research Associate at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Associate Lecturer and Visiting Research Fellow in conservation and molecular genetics at the University of Derby. He has recently delivered an ISBER-endorsed Biobanking course at the University of Luxembourg in cooperation with the Integrated Biobank of Luxembourg.

## **Mariani-Costantini, Renato**

Dr. Renato Mariani-Costantini is Full Professor of General Pathology in the School of Medicine of the *G. d'Annunzio* University of Chieti, Italy. A 1976 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Rome Medical School (where he was Research Student under the Nobel laureate Prof. Daniel Bovet), Dr. Mariani-Costantini trained as a Resident in Anatomic Pathology at the George Washington University Medical Center and Affiliated Hospitals, Washington, D.C., USA (1978-1981). He was then an Associate Researcher at the Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Milan (1981-1983). From 1984 to 1987 he was Fogarty Associate in the Oncogenetics Section, Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology, National Cancer Institute, NIH (1984-1987). From 1988 to 1994 he served as Associate Professor of General Pathology at *G. d'Annunzio* University. Since 1994 he has been a Full Professor of General Pathology in the same University and since 2003 he is head of the Unit of General at the Aging Research Center (CeSI) of the *G. d'Annunzio* University Foundation. From 2009 to 2011 he was Director of the Department of Oncology and Experimental Medicine at the University of Chieti. Dr. Mariani-Costantini's scientific activity has been mainly focalized on the molecular pathology of breast and colorectal cancer and of skull base paraganglioma. His research interests also include paleoanthropology, paleopathology, history of medicine and evolution. He authored more than 150 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

## **Normanno, Nicola**

### **Education**

October 1988:

Medical Doctor Degree, Medical School, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy.

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Specialty in Medical Oncology, Medical School, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy.

October 2001:

Specialty in Hematology, Medical School, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy

### **Working experience**

August 1990-May 1993

Postdoctoral Fellow, Tumor Growth Factor Section, Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, 20892, USA

May 1993-July 2004

Senior Investigator, Experimental Therapy Section, INT-Fondazione Pascale, Naples, Italy

July 2004-November 2004

Senior Investigator, Cell Biology and Preclinical Models Unit, INT-Fondazione Pascale, Naples, Italy

November 2004-June 2005

Acting Chief, Cell Biology and Preclinical Models Unit, INT-Fondazione Pascale, Naples, Italy

16<sup>th</sup> June 2007-16<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Member of the Scientific Board, Oncologic Research Center (CROM), Mercogliano, Italy

16<sup>th</sup> June 2005-present

Chief, Cell Biology and Preclinical Models Unit, INT-Fondazione Pascale, Naples, Italy

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2006-present

Chairman, Department of Research, INT-Fondazione Pascale, Naples, Italy

**Memberships:**

American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)

Italian Tumor Society (SIT)

Italian Cancer Society (SIC)

The Meridional Italian Oncologic Group (GOIM)

The Thoracic Oncology Italian Association (AIOT)

European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)

The Italian Medical Oncology Association (AIOM)

Author of more than 160 publications on international journals (H Index 45  
Fonte: Harzing's Publish or Perish)

## Özgüç, Meral

Meral Özgüç is Professor of Medical Biology at the Faculty of Medicine, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey where she received her PhD in Medical Biology in 1985. She completed her undergraduate studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University in chemistry and received masters degree in biochemistry from Columbia University in the USA. Immediately afterwards, she worked for three years as Research Associate in the Department of Research Hematology, Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia before joining the Hacettepe Faculty in 1980. She served as Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (2006-2009) and as Chair of the Basic Medical Sciences Division (2009-2012). She is currently the director of the DNA/Cell Bank for Rare Diseases.

Her scientific work, which is supported by State Planning Agency, Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and through international grants, is focused on genomic medicine approach for the study of rare diseases. She is actively involved in the formulation of national policies to create an awareness of and to promote genomics in public health.



She has worked as a member of various international committees involved in genomics and health such as OECD - Working Party on Biotechnology and Human Health Related Biotechnologies, ESF - Integrated Approaches to Functional Genomics, EC-FP6 Genomics and Biotechnology for Health (National Contact Point), and UNESCO-International Bioethics Committee . She serves as a member of National EPMA Board in the section for Neonatal Diagnostics and Population Screening.

## **Rey Fraile, Isabel**

Isabel Rey Fraile, Madrid (Spain) is biologist specializing in zoology.

Work at the National Museum of Natural Sciences since 1988, she was alternating positions as Collection Manager (Mammals and molluscs) and as researcher of several projects of evolution, phylogeny and conservation genetics DNA-based; Expert both preservation of collections of natural history and molecular techniques had a major participation in the creation of the new collection of tissue and DNA both on organization of facilities as writing of standards protocols for the management and maintenance. Since 2002 is the Curator of the Collection of Tissue and DNA and head of Molecular Identification Lab of this collection.

Her research is focused on preservation of DNA and on methodology to obtain ancient DNA from classical specimens of Museum collections, small invertebrates and non invasive samples of living animals for studies of phylogeny, evolution, population genetics and genetic identification.

Currently he has more than 90 research papers, participation in 22 training courses of molecular techniques and 22 research projects (national and international); In collaboration with SYNTHESYS Project (Networking Activities E) prepared a common report of European Disaster Planning for "New Collections".

## **Simeon-Dubach, Daniel**

Daniel Simeon-Dubach, MD, MHA is the owner of medservice, a biobanking consulting & services company. He earned both his MD and his master of health administration (MHA) from the University in Bern, Switzerland. As a resident he worked in cancer registry, pathology and radio-oncology. He worked for 14 years in the pharmaceutical industry in Switzerland. From 2005 to 2011 he was CEO of Stiftung biobank-suisse a Swiss network of human research biobanks.

He is member of ESBB, ISBER, P3G and of Marble Arch International Working Group on Biobanking. He serves in the program committee of ESBB 2013 in Verona, the marketing & membership and the organizing committee

both of ISBER. He is a section editor (Biobanking Management) of "Biopreservation and Biobanking", the official journal of ISBER.

He has extensive experience in establishing and running biobanks and network of biobanks and dealing with ethical, legal and social issues specific to biobank and biobank networks. He focus his research and is especially interested in biobank sustainability, biobanking market research, reproducibility and other issues of scholarly publication.

## **Suchkov, Sergey**

Sergey Suchkov was born in the City of Astrakhan, Russia, in a family of dynasty medical doctors, i.e., father, Dr Victor Suchkov, a surgeon, and mother, Dr Elena Suchkova, an endocrinologist.

In 1980, Suchkov graduated from Astrakhan State Medical University and was awarded with MD. During the studentship Suchkov was extensively involved into research in the area of ocular immunology and won in 1980 the First Prize at the First International Contest among the Medical Students in Prague. In 1985, Suchkov maintained his PhD as a PhD student of the I.M. Sechenov Moscow Medical Academy and Institute of Medical Enzymology, USSR Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, Russia. In 2001, Suchkov finished the PostDoc Research Fellowship Program and maintained his Doctor Degree at the National Institute of Immunology, Russia.

From 1985 through 1987, Dr Suchkov worked as a Post Doc Research Associate, Department of Medical Biotechnology, Institute of Medical Enzymology, USSR Academy of Medical Sciences to be involved into research in clinical enzymology and applications of DNA-dependent enzymes in clinical medicine. From 1987 through 1989, Dr Suchkov was a senior Researcher, Lab of Developmental Immunology, Koltzov Institute of Developmental Biology, USSR Academy of Sciences to deal to developmental immunology. From 1989 through 1995, Dr Suchkov was a head of the Lab of Clinical Immunology and Immunobiotechnology, Helmholtz Eye Research Institute in Moscow to resume studies in the area of eye immunology done earlier as a medical student. In 1989, Dr Suchkov trained at the Lab of Immunology, NEI, Bethesda, MD, USA,, NIH and Lab of Immunology, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, USA, as well as at some of the British Universities on the invitation of the Royal Society for Immunology. From 1995 through 2004, Dr Suchkov was a Chairman of the Dept for Clinical Immunology, Moscow Clinical Research Institute (MONIKI) and the Immunologist-in-Chief of the Moscow Regional Ministry of Health to do research, to cover different areas of the clinical activities and to manage regional immunological services.

In 1993-1996, Dr Suchkov was an Executice Secretary-in-Chief of the Editorial Board, Biomedical Science, an international journal published jointly by the USSR Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK.

At present, Dr Sergey Suchkov, M, PhD, is Professor in Immunology, Dept of Pa-thology, I.M. Sechenov First Moscow Medical University and Dept of Clinical Immunology, A.I. Evdokimov Moscow State Medical & Dental University to cover a lot of responsibilities including research in the area of functional antibodies, mechanisms of chronization, intertalks between innate and adaptive immunity, and, later on, in the area of PPPM. He has been collaborating with scientists from USA, Japan, Germany, Israel and other countries to set up a new brand in the modern medicine, i.e., Predictive (Personified) Medicine associated with Subclinical Diagnostics. Apart from the above-mentioned, Dr Suchkov is a Dean of the Department (Faculty) of The Development and Implementation of the Biomedical Technologies into The Medical Practice at the University of The Economy in Moscow.

Dr Suchkov is an author of more than 500 publications and 10 patents. He is a member of:

- New York Academy of Sciences, New York, USA;
- EPMA (European Association for Predictive, Preventive and Personalized Medi-cine), Brussels, EU;
- Secretary General of the UCC (United Cultural Covention), Cambridge, UK;
- ARVO (American Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology);
- ISER (International Society for Eye Research);
- All-Union (from 1992 - Russian) Biochemical Society;
- All-Union (from 1992 - Russian) Immunological Society.

In 1991-1998, Dr Suchkov is a Co-Supervisor over the Russian-American Agreement on scientific and clinical collaboration in the field of ocular immunology between Russian Academy of Sciences and National Institutes of Health (NIH); in 1991-1995 – a member of The Reciprocal Exchange Fellowship Program between Russian Im-munological Society and British Society for Immunology.

## **Tassé, Anne Marie**

Anne Marie Tassé is the Executive Director of the Population Project in Genomics and Society (P<sup>3</sup>G), and an Academic Associate at the Department of Human Genetics of McGill University (Center of Genomics and Policy). She also has extensive experience in the wider research community and serves on steering committees, research ethics boards (ethics-legal) and editorial/publication committees. She is a lecturer in medicine and in genetic counselling.

As a lawyer specialised in international comparative law, her interdisciplinary training includes Master's degrees in Health Law (Université de Sherbrooke) and in Bioethics (Université de Montréal), and a Certificate in Management (Université du Québec). She is currently studying toward a Doctorate in Law (Université de Montréal). Her research interests involve looking at emerging issues raised by the interaction between law and ethics, in the domain of

international biomedical research. Her work focuses mainly on retrospective research and the secondary use of data/samples in the context of international biobank research consortia.

## **Uustalu, Ann**

Ann Uustalu - Estonian and Swedish national - graduated from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala in 1986. She has since worked on policy development and international affairs mainly focussing on agriculture, environment and sustainable development, EU enlargement and development policy. She has held management posts in the European Commission, in the Swedish government offices and spent many years in international cooperation, including in Zimbabwe and Mali. She currently works in the European Commission as research programme officer in the unit for research infrastructures, focusing on medical and biological sciences as well as international cooperation in research.

## **van Veen, Evert-Ben**

Evert-Ben van Veen has a background in law, public administration and sociology. He has worked at the Dutch National Council for Public Health (now defunct) and as chief legal counsel of the University Hospital Rotterdam (now Erasmus MC). In 2001 he started his consultancy firm MedLawconsult and as such has been involved in many European tissuebanking projects. At the moment he is partner in the BBMRI-LPC project. Amongst other things he is also the legal consultant of the Dutch Federation Biomedical Scientific Societies and the coordinating author of its Codes of Conduct, such as the recent code on using data for health research. At present he is also the main legal consultant for the department of public screening of the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment, which organises all public screening programs in the Netherlands from prenatal screening to the very recently introduced colorectal cancer screening. With MedLawconsult Evert-Ben van Veen has two ambitions: giving practical legal advice, and – together with others – acting as an independent ‘think tank’. His publications cover many aspects of patient rights in the Netherlands, aspects of European law relevant to the organisation of national health care systems, the regulatory conditions for medical research, and most of all observational research, privacy and ethics, especially the balance between autonomy and the public good.

## **Zatloukal, Kurt**

Kurt Zatloukal, M.D. is professor of pathology at the Medical University of Graz, Austria. His research focusses on molecular pathology of metabolic liver diseases and cancer as well as biobanking and related technologies. He coordinated the preparatory phase of the European biobanking and biomolecular research infrastructure (BBMRI) within the 7th EU framework programme. Furthermore, he led in the FP7-funded large integrated project

SPIDIA the development of new European standards and norms for pre-analytical processing of tissue samples for molecular testing. He is director of the Christian Doppler Laboratory for Biospecimen Research and Biobanking Technologies.

Kurt Zatloukal is and has been involved in developing the ethical and legal framework for medical research and health care in Austria. He is member of the Austrian Arzneimittelbeirat at the Austrian Ministry of Health, was member of the OECD task force on biological resource centres and the Roadmap Working Group of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures. Moreover, he contributed to the OECD best practice guidelines for biological resource centres, the regulations for genetic testing of the Austrian Gene Technology Law, and was member of the Bioethics Commission at the Austrian Federal Chancellery. He has published 167 scientific papers and was co-inventor of 15 patent applications.