

CURRICULUM VITAE : VILLIGER Peter Matthias

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Postgraduate Education:

Pathology: Institute of Pathology, University of Bern; **Internal Medicine:** Regional hospital of Sumiswald; **Surgery:** Kantonsspital Schaffhausen; **Internal Medicine:** University Hospital (Inselspital), Bern; **Internal Medicine:** Department of Internal Medicine, Kantonsspital St.Gallen

Postgraduate Education in Rheumatology

Rheuma- und Rehabilitationsklinik Valens; Head of Rheumatology a.i. Rheuma- und Rehabilitationsklinik Valens; University Hospital, Department of Rheumatology and Institute of Physical Medicine, Zürich; Head, Division of Rheumatology and Rehabilitative Medicine, Kantonsspital St. Gallen

Basic Research Activities:

Research fellow at the Department of Internal Medicine, University Hospital (Inselspital; Prof. W. Straub)

Research Associate in Clinical Immunology: Department of Molecular and Experimental Medicine, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, La Jolla, California, USA (Prof. D.A. Carson)

Postgraduate Research Immunologist: Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Diego, USA (Prof. M.Lotz and Prof. D.A. Carson)

Sabbaticals:

National Centre of Reference for Rare Diseases (Vasculitides and Systemic Sclerosis) at the University Hospital Cochin, Paris, France; Head: Prof. Loïc Guillevin (7/2009 - 12/2009)

University Hospital Gaetano-Pini, Division of Rheumatology, Milano, Italy; Head: Prof. Pier-Luigi Meroni (2/2017 - 4/2017)

Academic Position:

May 1999 to July 2020: **Chairman and Head** of the Department of Rheumatology, Immunology and Allergology, University Hospital, Bern, Switzerland

Professor of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at the Medical Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland

Certificates:

Titles of the Swiss Medical Association (Foederatio Medicorum Helveticorum [FMH])

- **Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine**
- **Interventional Pain Medicine** (Swiss Society of Interventional Pain Medicine: SSIPM)
- **Psychosomatic and psychosocial Medicine** (Swiss Academy for Psychosomatic and Psychosocial Medicine: SAPP)
- **Musculo-skeletal Ultrasound** (SGUM)

Academic degrees:

- **Diploma in Medicine (University of Bern); MD:** Thesis "Knee Prosthesis"
- **Venia legendi in "Rheumatology with subspecialty Immunology"** (lecturer in Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at the medical faculty of Zürich)
- **Full Professor of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology**, University of Bern

Membership and professional activities:

President of the Vasculitis Association Switzerland (VASAS) since its foundation in 9/2021

President of the Swiss Association of Rheumatology (9/2004 – 9/2008)

Vice-Dean (Postgraduate Education) of the Medical Faculty of Bern (2007-2012)

Delegate of the Medical Faculty of Bern in the SIWF

Expert and member of the jury of the EC's Framework Programme 7, Brussels

Member of the Committee of the Swiss Insurance Medicine (SIM)

Member of the Committee of the Swiss Clinical Quality Management (SCQM) and head, research section Vasculitis of the SCQM

Research Interests:

Pathogenesis and Treatment of systemic autoimmune diseases:

Vasculitides (Giant Cell Arteritis, Takayasuarteritis, Behçet Syndrome, ANCA-Vasculitides)

Connective Tissue Diseases (systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Sjögren-syndrome,

Scleroderma, Mixed Connective Tissue disease, Undefined-Connective Tissue disease)

autoinflammatory diseases

Publications:

Pubmed: "Villiger Peter"

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