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Dr Bernard Ars, a teaching professor in higher education, is a physician surgeon (M.D.), specialising in Ear, Nose and Throat and Head and Neck surgery, in Functional and Occupational Rehabilitation for those with Hearing and Speech Disability and in Medical Insurance and Medical Assessment.

He earned his Doctorate Degree of Higher Learning (PhD) with a thesis in otology, relating to the middle ear, entitled: « The tympanic part of the temporal bone ».

He was profoundly influenced by the teaching of Professor J. Baron Marquet.

His forty year career centred largely on a hospital-based surgical practice in Brussels and in Antwerp ; and in addition, scientific research and teaching at the University of Antwerp.

In his clinical practice, he has an interest in all aspects of otology: deafness and muteness, occupational deafness, congenital malformations, ear infections; but is especially renowned for the treatment of chronic otitis media. In the scientific field, he is mainly involved with the study of the pathogenesis of inflammatory process of the middle ear cleft mucosa, gaseous exchange across mucosa in the middle ear cleft, the balance of pressure variation in the middle ear cleft, in addition to the surgical morphology of the temporal bone.

Dr Bernard Ars has delivered more than three hundred and fifty presentations in person at international conferences. He has published more than two hundred articles and has contributed as an author and editor to eighteen collected works. He has received several scientific prizes including the Politzer prize awarded fore the first time in 1990, by the Politzer Society -International Society for Otological Surgery and Science- for his work: “Retraction pockets: Pathogenesis and Surgical techniques”. He is a member of the editorial board for several international scientific journals and is a member of several international scientific societies.

He has been involved notably in audiology training, particularly at the Léonard de Vinci College -Institut Libre Marie-Haps in Brussels, where he had preside the management committee. He was administrator of the Léonard de Vinci College.

He is a visiting Professor for several universities namely: Debrecen (Hungary), Nijmegen (Netherlands), Bucharest (Romania), Kiev (Ukraine), Lviv (Ukraine), Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo). He is also a consultant for the University of Pittsburgh (U.S.A.).

Dr Bernard Ars has been awarded the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa from the University Carol Davila in Bucharest. He is member of the Royal European Academy of Doctors (RAED)(Spain). He holds many academic distinctions.

He has also participated in many international humanitarian missions.

In addition, Dr Bernard Ars is a Bachelor of Philosophy and holds a diploma in Theology and is continually concerned about the personalisation of medicine. On this subject, he has published five collective works: "The meaning of medicine: the human person", "Suffering and dignity", “Fragility – Tell us about your greatness!" (“Fragilité. Dis nous ta grandeur !”), “Medecine: Restorative or Transformative?”, « Réparer ou transformer ? Enjeux philosophiques et théologiques d’une question médicale » (+ D.Lambert).

He was Visiting Professor of Anthropology and Ethics at the University of Namur and at the ECAM-H.E. « Groupe ICHEC - ISC Saint Louis - ISFSC (Master en sciences de l’ingénieurerie de la santé) Brussels. He is also

the Founding Past-President of the European Institute of Bioethics, the Past-President of the Belgian Medical Society of St. Luke, the Past-President of the F.E.A.M.C. (European Federation of Catholic Medical Associations) as well as the Past-President of the F.I.A.M.C. (International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations) (2018-2026).