

Richard Fotter

Richard Fotter graduated in medicine from the Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, Austria, in 1973, and continued his training in pathology, internal medicine and paediatric surgery until 1976. He went on to train in radiology in Graz (1976–1980) and in paediatric radiology in Graz and Germany (1978–1982).

He became Assistant Professor in 1982, Associate Professor in 1987 and Full Professor in 1993.



He has been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiology, Graz, and Head of the Clinical Division of Paediatric Radiology from 1994 to date.

Prof. Fotter attended his first ESPR meeting in Florence in 1984, and established the Austrian Society of Pediatric Radiology in 1989, acting as Chairman 1989–2008.

He co-organised the Annual Meeting of the German Speaking Society of Paediatric Radiology (GPR) in Graz 1985, and was ECPR organiser in 2000, and a member of the Paediatric Radiology Subcommittee of the ECR in 2002, Paediatric Radiology Subcommittee Chairman at ECR in 2003 and Categorical Course Paediatric Radiology Organiser at ECR in 2004. Prof. Fotter also organised (with Prof. Fred Avni) the congress “Reorientation and Future Trends in Paediatric Uroradiology” in Graz 2002. He co-organised the Annual Meetings of the Austrian Society of Pediatric Radiology in Salzburg and Graz from 1998 to 2011 and was ESPR President of the very successful IPR-meeting in Montreal 2006. He organised the 47th International Annual Meeting of the German Speaking Society of Paediatric Radiology (GPR) in Graz 2010.

Other roles Prof. Fotter has assumed include research lead for ESPR, and ESPR representative on the ESR Research Committee since 2006. He set up the European Excellence Network in Paediatric Radiology Research, which he has coordinated since 2007. He also helped set up ESPR task forces on CT-dose and molecular imaging/multi-modality imaging. He has been a research adviser at the Joanneum Research-Centre for Economic and Innovation Research 2005–2011 and editor, author and co-author of Paediatric Uroradiology (Springer Verlag, first edition 2008).

Richard Fotter is a member of the Skeletal Society, ESUR, ESR, RSNA, GPR, DRG and ÖRG, and corresponding member of the Austrian Society of Paediatric Surgery. He became Honorary Member of the ESPR in 2007, and an Honorary Member of the German Speaking Society of Paediatric Radiology (GPR) in 2010.

He has produced over 150 peer-reviewed publications and 50 book chapters, and has a particular interest in paediatric uro-radiology, paediatric skeletal radiology and CT-technique/CT-dose and concepts and strategies to improve paediatric radiology research at a European level. He is a member of the editorial boards of Pediatric Radiology, Der Radiologe, European Radiology, and of Encyclopedia of Diagnostic Imaging (2008).

Richard is happily married to Karin and has two daughters and a grandson, Ferdinand. His non-professional interests include travelling, sport (cycling, skiing), photography, his family and his much beloved dog, Leopold, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

He is also a keen motorcyclist, and travels around Europe, particularly Italy, enjoying the spectacular beauty and culture of this country, which he and Karin love.

Richard Fotter's life has been dedicated to excellence within his chosen field of academic paediatric radiology, which he has pursued with tireless energy, enthusiasm and infectious zeal. His superb leadership skills are apparent in the Graz University Radiology department, where he has led one of the most outstanding units in Europe, focusing on the development of new technologies and their timely implementation into clinical practice, such as molecular imaging and developments of safe low-dose techniques for paediatric CT. His esteemed colleagues and superb equipment are a testament to his hard work. He is a true visionary and a wise statesman.

We applaud and thank him for his example and inspiration to us all, as a most deserving recipient of this ESPR gold medal, for a lifetime's work, dedication and outstanding achievements within Paediatric Radiology.

Catherine M. Owens