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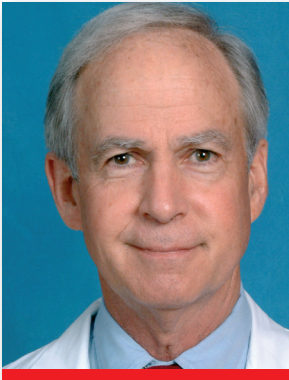
Who we are

The World Heart Federation is the world's only global body dedicated to leading the fight against heart disease and stroke.

We do this via a united community of 200 member organizations that brings together the strength of medical societies and heart foundations, from more than 100 countries.

We build global commitment and promote action to tackle cardiovascular disease including heart disease and stroke; the world's number one killer. To achieve this we influence policies, we generate and exchange ideas, we share best practice, we advance scientific knowledge and we promote knowledge transfer.

The World Heart Federation is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as its leading non-governmental partner in the prevention and control of cardiovascular disease.



Sidney C. Smith Jr, MD

President, World Heart Federation

Country:
USA

Topics of expertise:

- Development and implementation of evidence based guidelines
- Primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease

Background:

Sidney Smith is Professor of Medicine and the Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Science and Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was appointed President of the World Heart Federation in 2011.

Professor Smith's academic interests focus on the development and implementation of evidence based guidelines. He has recently been involved in evaluating the role of primary and secondary prevention efforts in the treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Professor Smith has been involved with the American Heart Association (AHA) for the past two decades. He has chaired the American College of Cardiology (ACC) / AHA Task Force on Practice Guidelines, served as AHA Chief Science Officer between 2001 and 2003 and as AHA President from 1995 to 1996. In 2010 he co-chaired the Scientific Program for the World Congress of Cardiology held in Beijing, China.

Professor Smith has received numerous awards from the AHA, and has been honoured by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute with their Award of Special Recognition.

Professor Smith is a member of various editorial boards and is the author of more than 300 articles and book chapters. He regularly presents at scientific meetings and gets invited to give academic lectures.



Hans Stam, PhD

President, World Heart Federation

Country:

Netherlands

Topics of expertise:

- Fundraising and campaigns
- Advocacy and public affairs

Background:

Dr Stam is the CEO of the Netherlands Heart Foundation since 2006. He was also appointed President of the European Heart Network in 2010.

He is a biochemist by education and worked in biomedical research between 1975 and 1989. His academic thesis was on the myocardial lipid metabolism.

After his research career, Dr Stam became Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Erasmus University Rotterdam until 1999 and served as CEO of the Rotterdam Development Corporation until 2006.

Dr Stam is in the supervisory Board of various health-care and research institutions in the Netherlands.



Akira Matsumori, MD, PhD
President Elect, World Heart Federation

Country:

Japan

Topics of expertise:

- Cardiomyopathy
- Heart failure

Background:

Dr Matsumori is the incoming President Elect of the World Heart Federation for 2011. This appointment was preceded by his role as Secretary of the Board.

He is currently a visiting Professor of Medicine at the Department of Cardiology of the Tokyo Medical University.

He holds numerous other positions including: First-President of the International Society of Cardiomyopathies and Heart Failure, President Elect and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology and Vice-President of the Asia Pacific Heart Network.

His clinical and basic research include cardiomyopathies and myocarditis as well as the pathogenesis and therapy of heart failure.



Deborah A. Chen

Vice-President Elect, World Heart Federation

Country:

Jamaica

Topics of expertise:

- Tobacco control in Latin America and the Caribbean region
- Cardiovascular disease prevention programmes

Background:

Deborah Chen is the Executive Director of The Heart Foundation of Jamaica (HFJ). Her current projects include the establishment of a fully equipped cardiac rehabilitation facility and a research centre at the HFJ.

Mrs Chen is a State Registered Nurse by profession. She also holds a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, where she currently is a doctoral candidate.

Mrs Chen was at the forefront of the formation of the Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control which evolved into a major advocacy tool for Jamaica's ratification of the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. She also successfully applied for a grant from the Bloomberg Global Initiative to reduce Tobacco Use which was employed across the Caribbean.

Mrs Chen has held the position of President Elect of the Board of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation since 2010 which will be followed by her appointment as President from 2012 to 2014.

In addition, Mrs Chen has been the Chair of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation's Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee since 2010. She is a Board member and founding Director of the National Resuscitation Council of Jamaica as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Healthy Caribbean Coalition.



Pekka Puska, MD, PhD

Past President, World Heart Federation

Country:

Finland

Topics of expertise:

- Prevention of non-communicable diseases

Background:

Professor Puska is the Director General of the National Public Health Institute of Finland and President of the Finnish Heart Association and Chair of the Board of the UKK Institute for Health Promotion.

Prior to this, he was the Director for Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Health Promotion at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva.

At the WHO, he directed the work on integrated prevention of NCDs targeting the main risk factors through health promotion, national programmes, policy measures and regional networks.

Professor Puska has, internationally and nationally, been involved in a number of scientific, expert and public health functions, WHO's expert work and multinational projects. He served as President of the World Heart Federation from 2009 to 2010.

He has published over 500 scientific papers and received numerous honours and awards including the Nordic Award for Public Health in 2005 and the WHO's annual Health Education Award in 1990.



Lyn Roberts, AM, PhD

Past Vice-President, World Heart Federation

Country:
Australia

Topics of expertise:

- Tobacco control
- Overweight and obesity programmes
- Public health

Background:

Dr Roberts has been with the National Heart Foundation of Australia since 1988 and was appointed CEO in 2001. Previously, Dr Roberts was responsible for the development and implementation of national cardiovascular health programmes in Australia.

Dr Roberts is recognized as a public health leader in Australia. She is a member of a number of expert advisory committees for the government and non-government sector including the National Preventative Health Taskforce. She is also a current member of the Board of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. She was Chair of the Australian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance from 1999 to 2008.

Dr Roberts was elected to the Board of the World Heart Federation in 2006 and served as Vice President from 2009 to 2010.

Dr Roberts is a frequent key note speaker at national and international conferences. She has over 40 publications in peer-reviewed journals along with authorship of a number of reports prepared for Commonwealth and State Health Departments. In 1997, she was awarded an Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community and to health, particularly in the fields of health promotion, cancer prevention awareness and lifestyle education.



Nooshin Bazargani, MD

Secretary, World Heart Federation

Country:

United Arab Emirates

Topics of expertise:

- Primary & secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease
- Anticoagulation in cardiac disease
- Heart failure

Background:

Dr Nooshin Mohd Bazargani is currently working as a Specialist Cardiologist in the Cardiology Department of the Dubai Hospital, Dubai Health Authority. She has established the anticoagulation clinic in Dubai Hospital. Dr Bazargani is also a senior lecturer in Medicine & Cardiology at the Dubai Medical College, a member of Royal College of Ireland, and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

She is involved in undergraduate and postgraduate education and training in her country, and is the main organizer for the PACES (clinical) examination of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of UK, which is held three times a year.

In recent years Dr Bazargani has focused on the recognition, management and prevention of heart disease at the primary and secondary level, especially in women. She has been the principal organizer for several public campaigns and health education in Dubai.

She completed her training in General Medicine and Cardiology in Dubai, London and the United States. She has received numerous awards for her extensive activities in the United Arab Emirates.



Srinath Reddy, MD, DM, MSc

Chair, Scientific and Policy Initiatives Committee,
World Heart Federation

Country:

India

Topics of expertise:

- Tobacco and smoking cessation
- Cardiovascular health in low- and middle-income countries

Background:

Professor Reddy is the President of the Public Health Foundation of India and until recently headed the Department of Cardiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. He is also the Chair of the Initiative for Cardiovascular Health Research in Developing Countries.

He represented India at the international negotiations on the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control for which he received the WHO Director General's Award for Outstanding Global Leadership in Tobacco Control.

Over the past 10 years, Professor Reddy has edited the National Medical Journal of India and been on the editorial boards of several international and national journals. He has also provided expertise to a number of consultancies, governmental agencies, the National Human Rights Commission, non-governmental organization networks as well as the WHO and the World Bank.



Cheng-Wen Chiang, MD
Representative for Asia-Pacific,
World Heart Federation

Country:
Taiwan

Topics of expertise:

- Percutaneous intervention for structural heart disease
- Percutaneous coronary intervention
- Transesophageal echo guidance during cardiac intervention

Background:

Cheng-Wen Chiang is Professor of Cardiology at the Cathay Medical Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

Professor Chiang has been involved with the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology for which he was appointed President between 2007 and 2010. He is also the current President of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology, a role he took on in 2009.

He has been a member of various editorial boards and is the author of more than 130 articles. He regularly presents at scientific meetings as a moderator and guest lecturer.

Most recently, he has been involved in: percutaneous intervention for structural heart disease, percutaneous coronary intervention and transesophageal echo guidance during cardiac intervention.



W.S. Santharaj, MD
Representative for Asia-Pacific,
World Heart Federation

Country:
Sri Lanka

Topics of expertise:

- Clinical and interventional cardiology
- Primary and secondary prevention

Background:

Dr Santharaj is a consultant cardiologist for the Institute of Cardiology at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

Dr Santharaj is the President of the Asia Pacific Heart Network and the Past President of the Sri Lanka Heart Association. He is also a member of scientific council of the Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology, the American College of Cardiology and the Ceylon College of Physicians.

Dr Santharaj is involved in various research projects in Sri Lanka. He regularly presents scientific papers and has been a guest lecturer at several cardiology congresses.



Roberto Ferrari, MD, PhD

Representative for Europe, World Heart Federation

Country:

Italy

Topics of expertise:

- Characterisation of the molecular mechanisms of the ischaemic and failing myocardium
- Clinical treatment of myocardial ischemia and heart failure
- Interdisciplinary and collaborative studies

Background:

Dr Ferrari is Professor of Cardiology at the University of Ferrara, Italy. He is also the current Director of Cardiology at S. Anna University Hospital of Ferrara and the Director of the Salvatore Maugeri Centre of Cardiovascular Research, Lumezzane and Ferrara Department of Morphology and Embryology and LTTA Centre, University of Ferrara.

Professor Ferrari is the Past President of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), a position he held from 2010 to 2012. He is the current President of the non-profit organisation European Heart for Children (EHC), a project he created during his time as ESC president. He has been an honorary member International Cardioncology Society (ICOS) since 2010.

Professor Ferrari has been on the editorial board of Dialogues in Cardiovascular Medicine since 1996 and was an Editor of European Heart Journal Supplement between 1996 and 2004.

He has published over 750 peer reviewed papers on several aspects including basic research, pathophysiology and clinical investigation in the area of ischaemic heart disease and heart failure. Professor Ferrari has been involved in steering committees of several multi-centric trials including PREAMI, PACMAN and MULTI-STRATEGY.



Kingsley K. Akinroye, MD

Representative for Africa, World Heart Federation

Country:

Nigeria

Topics of expertise:

- Heart-health promotion
- Hypertension

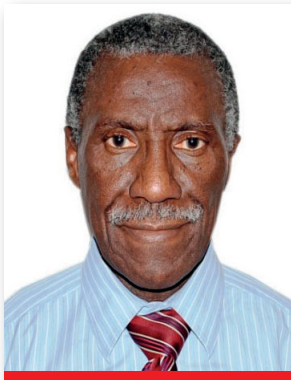
Background:

Dr Akinroye is the President of the African Heart Network and Executive Director for Scientific Affairs and Research of the Nigerian Heart Foundation.

He has acted as a Temporary Advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO) on non-communicable diseases and was a member of the WHO Mega-Country Health Promotion Network. He also served as Principal Investigator for Nigeria on many national projects in collaboration with the WHO.

Dr Akinroye has published articles on heart-health promotion and hypertension.

He received medical training from the College of Medicine at the University of Lagos, Nigeria and postgraduate training from the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, London; the University of Kuopio, Finland and the National Public Health Institute, Finland.



Oluwole Adebo, MD

Representative for Africa, World Heart Federation

Country:

Nigeria

Topics of expertise:

- Surgical management of pericardial disease

Background:

Oluwole Adebo is Professor of Surgery and was until recently Head of Division of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery for the College of Medicine at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Professor Adebo is currently the Provost of the new College of Medical Science at Bowen University, Iwo, Nigeria as well as Chief Medical Director at Bowen University Teaching Hospital at Ogbomoso, Oyo State, Nigeria.

His recent activity has been in curriculum revision for postgraduate training in cardiothoracic surgery for the West African College of Surgeons.

Professor Adebo is a past President of Nigerian Cardiac Society. His involvement with the Pan-African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR) dates back to the inauguration of the society in Badagry, Lagos State, Nigeria in 1981. He has authored more than 70 articles in academic journals.



Wistremundo Dones, MD
Representative for Inter-America,
World Heart Federation

Country:
Puerto Rico

Topics of expertise:

- Primary prevention of cardiovascular disease

Background:

Dr Dones is the Director of the Cardiology Service and Intensive Care Unit at the Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao, Puerto Rico.

Dr Dones has been involved in the InterAmerican Society of Cardiology since 2000, serving as Vice President from 2005 to 2007 and as President from 2009 to 2011. He has also been involved with the Puerto Rican Society of Cardiology since 1991, serving as Secretary from 1996 to 2000 and as President from 2001 to 2003.

Dr Dones has been a fellow at the American College of Cardiology since 2004 and a Member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Cardiology from 2006 to 2010.

He has authored work on the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease and regularly presents at scientific meetings as a guest lecturer.



Eduardo Morales Briceño
Representative for Inter-America,
World Heart Federation

Country:
Venezuela

Topics of expertise:

- Heart failure and valvular heart disease
- Hypertension
- Dislipidemias and coronary heart disease
- Preventative cardiology

Background:

Dr Morales Briceño is Professor of Clinical Cardiology and Director of the postgraduate training course in cardiology at the Vargas Medical School, Central University of Venezuela. He was appointed President Elect of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation from 2008 to 2010.

Dr Morales Briceño has dedicated his entire medical and academic career at the University to teaching clinical cardiology with a specific focus on: heart failure, valvular heart disease, hypertension, dislipidemias and coronary heart disease and preventative cardiology.

Dr Morales Briceño is former President of the Venezuelan and South American Societies of Cardiology, and former Vice-President of the InterAmerican Society of Cardiology. He is currently an Associate Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.



Johanna Ralston

Chief Executive Officer, World Heart Federation

Country:

USA, Sweden

Topics of expertise:

- World Heart Federation direction and strategy
- Strengthening civil society in low- and middle-income countries
- Tobacco control
- Advocacy campaigns

Background:

Johanna Ralston is the Chief Executive Officer of the World Heart Federation. She has worked in global health and development for 20 years.

Until recently she was Vice-President of Global Strategies at the American Cancer Society (ACS) which she joined in 1999 as its first-ever Director of International Programmes and Development. In this capacity, Mrs Ralston launched ACS University, a capacity-building programme to strengthen civil society's role in cancer control in low- and middle-income countries. She has also been overseeing the global cancer advocacy programme.

Mrs Ralston has also led global tobacco control programmes including the Global Smokefree Partnership; multi-year smokefree and advocacy projects in Vietnam, North Africa and China; and the development of the Africa Tobacco Control Consortium, a multi-year advocacy programme funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She also piloted workplace-based health promotion programmes with large employers in China and India, including the China Smokefree Worksite initiative.

She is an alumna of Harvard University and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Programme. Mrs Ralston has also studied Public Health at Harvard and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Kathryn Taubert, MD
Senior Science Officer, World Heart Federation

Country:

USA

Topics of expertise:

- Infective endocarditis
- Heart disease in children and women
- Secondary prevention of atherosclerotic vascular disease

Background:

Dr Kathryn Taubert is the Senior Science Officer at the World Heart Federation.

Before joining the World Heart Federation, Dr Taubert was the Senior Scientist and Special Assistant to the Chief Science Officer at the American Heart Association National Center in Dallas, Texas. During her tenure at the AHA, she also held the positions of the Director of Cardiovascular Science and Vice-President of Science and Medicine. Dr Taubert is the adjunct Professor of Physiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas.

Dr Taubert has published over 120 scientific papers and medical textbook chapters. She is an invited speaker both in the United States and internationally on the topics of infective endocarditis, heart disease in children, heart disease in women and secondary prevention of atherosclerotic vascular disease. She has received many awards for her contributions to advancing knowledge in cardiovascular disease.