

**Hendrik Van Poppel**, MD, PhD is the Chairman of the Department of Urology at the University Hospital Gasthuisberg, Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven, Belgium. He graduated in General Surgery in 1980, in Urology in 1983 and joined the Academic Unit at KU Leuven after his postgraduate training in London, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Mainz and Rotterdam. In 1988, he obtained a PhD in Medical Sciences. He became a Fellow of the European Board of Urology (FEBU) in 1992, full Professor of Urology in 1993, and chair of the department of urology in Leuven in 2002. He was visiting Professor in Aachen (DE), Munster (DE), 's Hertogenbosch (NL), Linz (AU), Barcelona (SP), Jönköping (SE), Marburg (DE), Cardiff (UK), London (UK), Heidelberg (DE), Mainz (DE), Timisoara (RO) and Surabaya (ID) where he demonstrated live uro-oncologic surgery for kidney, bladder and prostate cancer. Other live demonstrations took place in Nijmegen (NL), Zaragoza (SP), L'Aquila (IT), Leuven (BE) and Brussels (BE).

He developed the original surgical technique for prepubic urethrectomy, percutaneous gastrostomy, lumbal splenectomy during orthotopic kidney transplantation, and of the Leuven "N"pouch for bladder substitution. He performed more than 2500 radical prostatectomies and actually only performs major open oncological surgery for kidney, bladder, prostate, testis and penile cancer.

He was co-founder and chairman of the European Study Group on Sexual and Urological Disorders in Multiple Sclerosis (SUDIMS) between 1991 and 1995, Treasurer of the EORTC Genito-Urinary Group between 1997 and 2011, Board Member of the EORTC between 2004 and 2008, President of the Belgian Association of Urology 2009 – 2010 and Treasurer of the International Consultation on Urological Diseases (ICUD) between 2009 and 2012.

During 8 years he was Director of the European School of Urology (ESU) and became EAU Adjunct Secretary General, responsible for Education, in 2012. He is a member of several international scientific organisations as the American Urological Association (AUA), the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) and the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons (AAGUS). He was Board Member of the European Society of Oncologic Urology (ESOU) and the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO). He was co-founder and is now Chairman of the Scientific Committee of Europa Uomo, Faculty Member of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO) and Board Member of ECCO on behalf of the EAU.

He is reviewer for 27 urological and uro-oncological journals. He is editorial Board Member of Uro-Oncology, Turkish Journal of Urology, Open Prostate Cancer Journal, Romanian

Journal of Urology, European Urology, Annals of Urology, African Journal of Urology and Asian Journal of Urology.

He became honorary member of the Asociatia Romana de Urologie (ARU), the Dutch Urological Association (DUA), the Georgian Urological Association (GUA), the Hungarian Association of Urology (HSU), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Urologie (DGU), the Chinese Urological Association (CUA) and the Polish Urological Association (PTU).

He received the Folke Edsmyr Award (for outstanding contribution to the progress of cancer research in Urology) in Stockholm in 1999, the Pieter De Mulder Award (for his significant contribution in Urology for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma) in Lyon and the Francisco Diaz Medal from the Asociacion Espanola Urologia (en meritos a su destacada contribucion personal al desarrollo de la urologia) in Salamanca in 2015.

He was promotor, co-promotor or jury member of more than 25 doctoral theses at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He has published more than 200 papers as first author on uro-oncology and has co-authored more than 350 other ones and (co-) edited several books of kidney and prostate cancer.

His department in Leuven, is an EBU (European Board of Urology) accredited training centre, has obtained a subspecialty accreditation from EBU for Female Urology and Incontinence and for Oncologic Urology and hosts yearly about 30 visitors for short and intermediate stays and constantly 2 or 3 research fellows from all over the world, often in collaboration with the European Urology Scholarship Programme of the EAU (EUSP)

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