

**Univ.Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. Felix Unger**  
**Salzburg**



### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Prof.Dr.Felix Unger was born on March 2, 1946 in Klagenfurt, Austria. After the elementary-schools, he joined 1965 the Medical School of the University of Vienna. 1971 he graduated from the Medical School of the University of Vienna with M.D. After receiving the degree he was resident at the Clinic for Cardiology of the University of Vienna and after in 1972 he joined the II. Surgical Clinic of the University of Vienna. In 1974 he stayed for seven months in the United States with Denton A. Cooley, Houston/Texas, Yukihiro Nose, Cleveland/Ohio, and Dr. Willem Kolff, Salt lake City/Utah. Coming back to Europe he continued his training in surgery. 1978 he became Assistant professor of Surgery of the University of Vienna, after 1978 Associate of the University Clinic for Surgery of the University Innsbruck. 1983 he became Professor of Surgery. From 1985 - 2011 he was Head of the University Clinic for Cardiac Surgery in Salzburg.

The primary interest is in cardiac surgery, the scientific interest is in assisted circulation and total artificial heart. He invented the ellipsoid heart for assisted circulation. There have been since 1977 22 clinical implantations, of them 20 left ventricular assist devices and

2 total artificial hearts. In March 1986 he performed the first staged total artificial heart - cardiac transplantation procedure in Europe.

Professor Unger is author and co-author of more than 400 publications, he chaired several sessions in national and international meetings, he has given numerous scientific presentations. Furthermore he has three major awards; he edited five books as "Assisted Circulation", "Assisted Circulation II", "Assisted Circulation III", "Coronary Artery Surgery". He acted as president of 9 scientific meetings (1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993) in Innsbruck and Salzburg. 1985 there was held an International Workshop in Salzburg on "Coronary Artery Surgery for the Nineties" with the support of the European Society for Cardiology, European Society for Cardiac Surgery and the World Health Organization, Regional office for Europe. 1993 he chaired the 3rd Annual Meeting of the international Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons in Salzburg. He served as president of the International Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons. Since 1990 he is president of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. A specific emphasis has been the new role of universities, the European healthcare and the European Curriculum in Medicine.

Professor Unger is married to Monika von Fioreschy and they have two boys, Stephan and Matthäus.

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### Felix Unger

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**Date of Birth:** March 2, 1946  
**Place of Birth:** Klagenfurt, Carinthia, Austria  
**Marital Status:** Married 1971: Monika von Fioreschy  
**Son:** Stephan, 1972  
**Son:** Matthäus, 1975

**Education:** Lycee Francaise de Vienne 1951-1955  
Volksschule Wien IX 1955-1956  
Realgymnasium BRG I, Vienna 1956-1965

**Medical:** University of Vienna, Faculty of Medicine  
1965-1971

**M.D.:** Univ. of Vienna, 1.4.1971

**Postgraduate:** Kardiologische Univ. Klinik Wien 1971-1972  
II.Chirurgische Univ. Klinik Wien,1972-1977  
Cardiovascular Research Fellow: 1975  
Houston, Cleveland, Salt Lake City, USA

**Faculty Appointments:**  
Univ.Ass. 1971-1978, Wien  
Univ.Dozent (Venia legendi), Wien 1978  
Univ.Dozent (+ Venia examinandi), Innsbruck  
1979  
Univ.Prof.for Cardiac Surgery, Innsbruck  
1983,  
Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität  
Salzburg

**Hospital Appointments:**  
Director of the „Universitätsklinik fuer  
Herzchirurgie“, Salzburg, 1985 - 2011

**Medical Appointments:**

Director of the European Heart Institute,  
1990 - 2013

Director of the European Institute of  
Health 2001 - 2017

**Civic Appointments:** Knight of the Sovereign Order of Malta

Guggenheim Association Salzburg,

President, 1988-1990. Honorary member

Rotary Club Vienna, 1978-1979

Rotary Club Innsbruck, 1979-1985

Rotary Club Salzburg, 1985 to present

Rotary Club St. Rupert, Honorary member

Club of Rome, Honorary member

**Professional Appointments:**

European Academy of Sciences and Arts,

Founder and President, 1990-

Alma Mater Europaea, Founder and

President 2010-

Ambassador of the Austrian Red Cross

**Member of Academies:**

Corresponding member of the Academy of  
Sciences and Arts in Nordrhein-Westfalen,  
of the Latvian Academy of Sciences and  
Arts,

of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and  
Arts,

of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Member Deutsche Akademie der

Wissenschaften, Leopoldina

Member of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

Member of the New York Academy of Sciences

Member of the World Academy of Art and  
Sciences

Member of the Montenegrin Academy of  
Sciences

Honorary Member of the Russian Academy of  
Fine Arts

Foreign Member of the Georgian National  
Academy of Sciences

Honorary Member of the Hungarian Academy of  
Sciences

Foreign Member of the Macedonian Academy of  
Sciences and Arts

**Hon.Drs:** Dr.med.h.c., Budapest, 1994  
Dr.med.h.c., Timisoara, 1994  
Dr.med.h.c., Tokyo, 1994  
Dr.h.c., Marburg, 2002  
Dr.h.c., Riga, 2003  
Prof. h.c., Marburg, 2006  
Dr.h.c., Belgrade, 2007  
Dr.h.c., Athens, 2009  
Dr.h.c., Tiflis, 2010  
Prof.h.c., St. Petersburg, 2012  
Dr.h.c., Arad, 2013  
Dr.h.c., Cluj-Napoca, 2013  
Dr.h.c., Tirana, 2014  
Prof. h.c., Samara 2016  
Prof. h.c., Maribor, 2017

#### **Awards**

**1975 Dr.Karl Renner Preis**  
mit Prof.Navratil und Prof.Polzer

**1980 Sandoz Preis**

**1980 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Chirurgie:**  
Posterpreis, München  
mit Prof.Gschnitzer

**1982 Planseepreis für Wissenschaft 1989**

**1991 Purkyne Medaille für Assist.Zirkulation**  
Univ. Brünn

**1992 Billroth Preis der Österr.Ges.f.Chirurgie**  
mit J.Hager, F.Brandstätter, O.Dietze, I.Koller

**1992 Verdienstkreuz I. Klasse d. Verdienstordens  
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland**

**1992 Humes Professorship**

**1992 Karylins Medaille der Lettischen Akademie der  
Wissenschaften**

**1997 Ehrenmitglied der Baltischen Gesellschaft für  
Herz-Thorax-Chirurgie**

**1998 Ehrenmitglied der Medizinischen Akademie der  
Wissenschaften, Rumänien**

**2005 Verdienstkreuz des Landes Salzburg**

**2006 Österreichisches Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und  
Kunst I. Klasse**

**2009 Paul Stradins Preis, Riga**

**2011 Medaille des Staatspräsidenten der Slowakischen  
Republik**

**2012 Großes Silbernes Ehrenzeichen für Verdienste um die  
Republik Österreich**

**2015 Commendatore dell'Ordine di San Gregorio Magno**

**2016 Wappenmedaille der Landeshauptstadt Salzburg in Gold**

**2016 Honorary Medal of Jan Patočky, Prague**

**2018 Transsilvanisches Kreuz, Cluj**

## **Memberships**

- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Chirurgie, 1972-**  
**Österreichische Gesellschaft für experimentelle Chirurgie**  
Gründungsmitglied, 1975-, Präsident 1982/83
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für künstliche Organe, 1979-**  
Gründungspräsident 1979, Vorstand seit 1979, Vizepräsident  
1989
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Kardiologie, 1971-**
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Chemie und Mikrochemie 1976-  
1988**
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Thorax-und Herzchirurgie**  
Gründungsmitglied, 1983, Sekretär 1983-1990
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Chirurgie, 1981-**  
Forumsmitglied 1981-84
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herz- und Thoraxchirurgie, 1979-**  
Programmausschuss 1982, 1991, 1993
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für experimentelle Chirurgie, 1973-**  
Vorstandsmitglied 1981-1987
- European Society for Cardiac Surgery, 1986-**  
Programmausschuss 1990
- European Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, 1984-**  
Nationaldelegierter 1991-2000
- European Society for Artificial Organs, 1975-**  
Boardmember 1981-1991, Vice-President 1985-1986
- International Society for Artificial Organs, 1977-**  
Boardmember 1983-1989
- American Society for Thoracic Surgery, 1988-**
- American Association for Cardiovascular Surgery, 1990-**
- American Society for Artificial Organs, 1975-2000**
- Denton A.Cooley Cardiovascular Society, 1975-**
- Europ.Soc. for Cardiology**  
Fellow (F.E.S.C.) 1993-  
Working Group Cardiac Surgery 1999-2003
- Int.Soc. for Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons**  
1990-  
President: 1993 - 1994  
Vice-Chancellor 2002 - 2007
- Club of Rome**  
2013 -
- Croatian Communication Association**  
2013 -