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## Dr. Franz X. Heinz

Franz X. Heinz graduated as PhD in 1976 at the University of Vienna, Austria. Early in his career, he was involved in the development of tick-borne encephalitis vaccines. From 1989 to 1996 he was Guest Professor of Virology at the University of Graz, Austria, and in 1999 he became Full Professor of Virology at the University of Vienna. From 2004 to 2016 he was the director of the Department of Virology, Medical University of Vienna. He was a member of the editorial boards of several international scientific journals, the WHO steering committee for the development of dengue and Japanese encephalitis vaccines, the scientific advisory boards of the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Hamburg, Germany, and the Robert Koch-Institute, Berlin, Germany, and Vice-president of the 'Society for Virology'. He also served on the Scientific Advisory Boards of Intercell and Hookipa, both Vienna-based biopharmaceutical companies. Franz X Heinz was awarded several scientific prizes, most recently the 'Loeffler Lecture Award (2017)', and the Loeffler-Frosch Meddal (2019). He was honoured as 'Inventor of the year 2018' by the Medical University of Vienna. Franz X. Heinz is a member of the National Academy of Germany and the European Academy of Microbiology.