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**Ulrich Costabel** is Professor of Medicine at the University of Duisburg-Essen and Senior Consultant in Interstitial and Rare Lung Diseases at the Ruhrlandklinik in Essen, Germany. He was previously Chief of the Division of Pneumology and Allergology at the Ruhrlandklinik. He received his undergraduate training and his MD magna cum laude at the University of Freiburg. In 1992/1993 he spent a six-month sabbatical with Prof. Takateru Izumi at the Chest Disease Research Institute of the University of Kyoto in Japan.

Professor Costabel's research interests lie in clinical and immunological studies in interstitial lung diseases, with a specific focus on clinical and research applications of bronchoalveolar lavage. In recent years he has acted as Principal Investigator for major clinical trials in IPF. He is President emeritus of the World Association of Sarcoidosis and Other Granulomatous Disorders (WASOG) and organised the World Congress on Sarcoidosis in Essen in 1997. He has been Chairman of the European BAL Group since 1998 and has co-organised several International Conferences on BAL.

Professor Costabel has been actively involved with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) since its inception, having been Chair of the Occupational and Environmental Health Group and Secretary of the Assembly, and later Chair of the Bronchoalveolar Lavage Group. From 2002–2005 he was Head of the Clinical Assembly and a member of the Executive Committee of the ERS and, in 2006, Chairman of the ERS Congress in Munich.

Since 1990 he has served on the Editorial Board of the *European Respiratory Journal*, from 1994–1999 as the Chief Editor. He was Editor of the German journal *Pneumologie* from 2001–2005, has co-edited the European Respiratory Monograph “*Sarcoidosis*”, and is currently on the board of *Sarcoidosis*, *Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases*, and *Current Opinion in Pulmonary Medicine*, among others. He is the recipient of several honours and awards, including the Sarcoidosis Research Prize presented by the German Sarcoidosis Association and the *World Sarcoidosis Person of the Year Award* from the Irish Sarcoidosis Charity.