



## **Prof. Dr. Dr. Hermann F. Sailer**

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Professor Dr. Dr. Hermann F. Sailer is regarded as one of the outstanding pioneers of oral and maxillofacial surgery of our time. His professional career began after completing dual studies in medicine and dentistry at the University of Erlangen. From early on, his drive to push the boundaries of surgery became evident: stations in Würzburg, Zurich, London, and Boston shaped his medical foundation. As early as 1987, he was appointed Full Professor and Medical Director of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Zurich – a position he held until 2001, before founding the Prof. Sailer Clinic in Zurich, establishing an internationally renowned institution for advanced medicine.

However, his impact extended far beyond the clinic. As founder, co-founder, and president of numerous professional societies – including the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation and the Swiss Society for Oral Laser Medicine – he set worldwide standards in science and practice. His expertise was further recognized through memberships in esteemed institutions such as the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and the Royal Colleges of Surgeons in England and Edinburgh.

Particularly noteworthy is his humanitarian commitment. With the establishment of the Cleft-Children International CCI Foundation and the Cleft-Kinder-Hilfe Professor Hermann Sailer Foundation, he initiated worldwide aid projects for children with cleft lip and palate. Under his leadership, cleft centers were established in India, Nepal, and Pakistan, where more than 110,000 treatments have been carried out to date – an invaluable contribution that has profoundly transformed the lives of countless children and families.

The international recognition of his work is reflected in numerous honorary doctorates – from universities in Athens, Nepal, Chennai, Timișoara, and Mangalore – as well as prestigious awards such as the Lifetime Achievement Award in Medicine (2021), the Humanitarian Award of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation (2012), and the European CEO Award for Best Private Healthcare Provider (2014). In addition, in 2020 a chair was even established in his name – the Professor Hermann Sailer Chair of Facial Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery – at the state KIMSDU University in India.

With more than 247 scientific publications, he has shaped not only surgical practice but also academic discourse. Honorary memberships in numerous international professional societies underline the global impact of his work.

Professor Hermann F. Sailer is therefore far more than a successful surgeon: he is a visionary, a bridge-builder between science and humanity, and a physician who has devoted his life to healing and compassion. Today, his name stands for medical excellence, humanitarian commitment, and the unwavering belief that the art of surgery can profoundly and sustainably improve human lives.



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### Professional Career

2001	Opening of the Prof. Sailer Clinic in Zurich (CH)
1987 - 2001	Full Professor and Medical Director of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Zurich (CH)
1985 - 1987	Associate Professor, University of Zurich (CH)
1982 - 1985	Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Zurich (CH)
1981	Aesthetic Surgery at the practice of Dr. Richard Webster, Boston (USA)
1977 - 1980	Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Zurich (CH)
1976 - 1977	Research Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons of England (UK)
1972 - 1976	Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Zurich (CH)
1971 - 1972	General Surgery and Traumatology, University of Würzburg (DE)
1968 - 1971	Studies in Dentistry, University of Erlangen (DE)
1962 - 1968	Studies in Medicine, University of Erlangen (DE)

### Presidencies

2000	President of the First World Congress of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation (Cleft 2000) in Zurich (CH)
1999	Founding President of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation, later the Cleft-Children International CCI Foundation
1998	Founding President of the Swiss Society for Oral Laser Medicine
1996	President of the Anniversary Congress of the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS)
1987 - 1991	President of the Swiss Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



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### Honorary Memberships

2003	Honorary Membership of the Spanish Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
2000	Honorary Membership of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences
1993	Honorary Membership of the South African Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
1992	Honorary Membership of the Finnish Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
1991	Honorary Membership of the Japanese Society of Stomatology
1991	Honorary Membership of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
1989	Honorary Membership of the Society for Plastic Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

### Major Honors

Since 2000	Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCS)
Since 1997	Membership of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
Since 1995	Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FDSRCS)
1979	Martin Wassmund Prize of the German Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

### Prizes and Special Awards

2024	Knight of the Sacred Constantinian Order of St. George
2021	Lifetime Achievement Award in Medicine
2020	Establishment of the Professor Hermann Sailer Chair of Facial Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery at KIMSDU University
2014	European CEO Award for Best Private Healthcare Provider (Prof. Sailer Clinic)
2012	Humanitarian Award of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation
2003	Inclusion of the Prof. Sailer Clinic in the circle of Leading Medical Resorts



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### Publications

Professor Sailer has published 247 scientific papers.

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### Humanitarian Achievements

2023	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Kathmandu (NP)
2013	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Lahore (PK)
2010	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Malakkara (IN)
2005	Foundation of the Cleft-Kinder-Hilfe Professor Hermann Sailer Foundation
2004	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Mumbai (IN)
2003	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Chennai (IN)
2001	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Hyderabad (IN)
2001	Establishment of the Cleft Center in Mangalore (IN)
2000	Foundation of the Cleft-Children International CCI Foundation

