

Christoph Maack

Christoph Maack received his MD at the University of Cologne (Germany) in 2000. Between 2000 and 2017, he worked at the Department of Cardiology at Saarland University in Homburg, Germany (Head: Prof. Michael Böhm). From 2002-2005, he worked as a post-doctoral researcher in the lab of Prof. Brian O'Rourke at the Department of Cardiology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, US. As a clinician, he obtained his Board exams in Internal Medicine (2011), Cardiology (2015) and Intensive Care Medicine (2018). As a scientist, he was supported by the Emmy Noether program (2006-2011) and a Heisenberg Professorship (2012-2017) from the German Research Foundation (DFG). Since 2017, he is the Chair of the Department of Translational Research at the Comprehensive Heart Failure Center (CHFC) at the University Clinic in Würzburg, and also the Spokesperson of the CHFC. His research focuses on cellular defects in heart failure, with a special focus on the mechanisms of contractile, mitochondrial and metabolic dysfunction in acquired forms of heart failure and hereditary cardiomyopathies. Professor Maack was on the Board of the Heart Failure Association (HFA) of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) from 2010-2016 and chaired the Basic Science Section of the HFA from 2014-2016. At the German Cardiac Society (DGK), he was a member of the program committee from 2015-2018 and was the Congress President of the Annual DGK Meeting in 2024, and was a member of the Commission for Experimental Cardiology (2021-2025). Since this year (2025), he is an elected member of the Executive Board of the DGK. Furthermore, from 2023 - 2025, he was the President of the International Society of Heart Research (ISHR), European Section (ES) and since May 2025, he is President-elect of ISHR-World. Since 2023, he is the Chair of the COST Action EU-METAHEART (CA22169), a European network to tackle metabolic defects in heart failure, which has meanwhile >400 members (cost-metaheart.eu/).