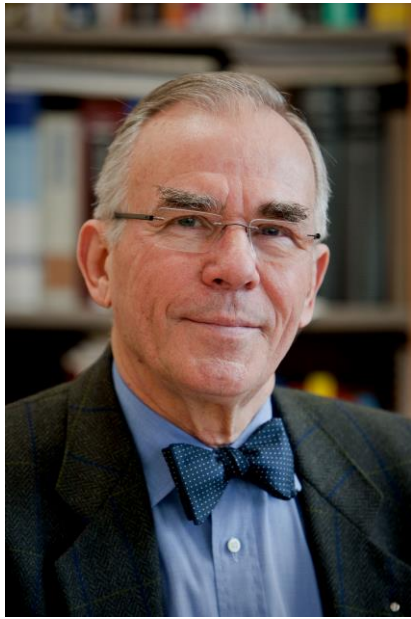


Eberhard Passarge: Short Biography



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Eberhard Passarge, M.D., born in 1935, is a US-trained human geneticist at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany. In 1976 he became Professor and Founding Chairman of the Department of Human Genetics, University of Essen, Germany, which he directed until 2001 when following mandatory retirement according to German University Law. However, he has remained active in the field. He was Head of the Division of Cytogenetics and Clinical Genetics at the Department of Human Genetics, University of Hamburg, Germany 1968-1976. Following medical school 1955-1960 he graduated with an M.D. degree from the University of Freiburg, Germany, in 1960. He had postgraduate general medical training at the General Hospital Hamburg-Harburg, Germany, 1961-1962, and 1962-1963 at the Worcester Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts/USA. Further training in human genetics and pediatrics he received at Children's Hospital Medical Center Cincinnati, Ohio with Josef Warkany 1963-1966 and Cornell Medical Center New York with James German 1966-1968. Among his main interests are the scientific investigation of hereditary and congenital diseases and the application of this knowledge in genetic diagnosis and counseling. He is author of about 250 articles in international, peer-reviewed journals, author of chapters in several international textbooks, and three books in human and medical genetics. His experience in teaching human genetics is reflected in his single author book *Color Atlas of Genetics*, currently in its 5th edition published by Thieme Medical Publishers Stuttgart-New York in 2018. He was Secretary-general of the European Society of Human Genetics (1987-1990) and President of the German Society of Human Genetics (1990-1996), of which he became an honorary member in March 2011. He is a founding member of the European Society of Human Genetics, member of the American Society of Human Genetics, British Society of Human Genetics, the Teratology Society, the American Society for the Advancement of Science, corresponding member of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. He has been a regular visitor to teach courses in India and Romania. He was awarded prizes from scientific institutions in Germany, Czech Republic, Romania, and India. In February 2016 he was elected honorary member of the Senate of the University Duisburg-Essen. From February 2010 until May 2014 he served as Intermediary Chairman, Department of Human Genetics, University of Leipzig, Germany. Since 1985 he is music coordinator of his university where he organizes the annual festive concert of the university since 2005 and teaches introductory courses in music. He is married to Mary Fetter Passarge, M.D., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.