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Professor Jürgen Floege, born in 1959, graduated from the Hannover Medical School in Germany in 1984 and subsequently received his clinical training at the Hannover Medical School. His particular interest in renal diseases and renal replacement therapies developed during various research periods in physiology, pharmacology, nephrology and pathology at the Hannover Medical School, Germany, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York and the University of Washington, Seattle, USA. He was appointed as head of the Division of Nephrology and Immunology at the University of Aachen, Germany in 1999. Since 2001 he is also Vice Dean of the Medical School and since 2004 director of a government-funded center grant on chronic inflammation.

Professor Floege is an active member of several nephrology societies including the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), International Society of Nephrology (ISN), European Renal Association (EDTA-ERA), European Society for Artificial Organs (ESAO) and the European Kidney Research Association (EKRA). He is a current member of the ISN council, former ERA council member and chair of the Scientific Committee of the ERA and was president of EKRA until June 2005. In addition, he serves on the council of the German Society of Nephrology and is the president-elect of that society as well as head of the scientific committee of the German Kidney Foundation. He is one of 8 members of the core scientific committee for the next World Congress of Nephrology in 2007, which is organized jointly by ISN and South American Societies of Nephrology. Together with Professors Richard Johnson and John Feehally he is editor of the third edition of "Comprehensive Clinical Nephrology". Finally, Professor Floege is one of two deputy editors of Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation and a member of the editorial board of several other prominent journals, including Kidney International, the Journal of Nephrology and Clinical Nephrology.

Research interests encompass both basic research, i.e. studies on growth factors, cytokines, angiogenesis and fibrosis in the course of renal disease, as well as clinical problems in dialysis, such as extraosseous calcification, cardiovascular risk factors, thrombogenesis and dialysis-amyloidosis. His appointment in the Technical University of Aachen as well as his work as Vice Dean (in charge of research) provide a unique opportunity to combine both medical and technical expertise that is present in the RWTH Aachen in the field of renal replacement therapy.

Conflict of interest:

- Floege is a regular consultant for the Gambro company, Lund, Sweden and Amgen company, Thousand Oaks, USA.
- He does not hold any shares of companies related to nephrology.
- In 2005 and 2006 he has received honoraria for lectures and panels from the following companies: Amgen, Aspreva, Gambro, Genzyme, Hoffmann La Roche, Jansen Cilag, Shire.