

Dr. Rudolph (Rudy) Koster was born on 21 April 1946 in Amsterdam.

He studied medicine at the University of Amsterdam, followed by an internship in Baltimore and a fellowship in Cardiology. He became a clinical cardiologist at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam.

Since the early 90's, Rudy Koster has pursued a remarkably successful academic career as a clinical cardiologist, with a research focus on arrhythmia and sudden death. His publication list is impressive and many studies have had a significant impact on the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) guidelines for resuscitation.



Although Rudy Koster has retired last year from clinical duties, he remains very active and committed to his research activities at the University of Amsterdam, with many new projects and the mentoring of several PhD students.

His career in the ERC started 20 years ago, initially as the representative of the European Society of Cardiology, since 2003 as Chair of the Working Group of BLS/AED and as a member of the Board.

He has directly contributed to the development of many editions of the ERC guidelines. Later on, Rudy Koster represented the ERC in the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation as the co-chair of the BLS/AED task force.

Within the ERC, Rudy Koster currently holds the position of Director of Science and Research. I know he has ambitious plans and I have no doubt that his personal dedication and expertise will continue to be of great service to the ERC.

Koen Monsieurs