



**Ascensión Marcos, PhD. has achieved the highest category at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) as Research Professor and is leading the Immunonutrition Research Group at CSIC since 1987.**

She received the International Prize for her “Contribution to the study on nutrition and immunology” given by Nutritional Immunology International Group in 1997. She was also the Head of the Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology at CSIC (1998-2002).

Prof. Marcos is the Founder and President of the International Forum of Immunonutrition for Education and Research (i-FINER) since 2007, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide conditions for expanding formation of human resources in Immunonutrition, specifically concerning education and research.

Since 1994, she has been leading several international courses, workshops on Immunonutrition as well as sessions in different conferences to promote the knowledge of this scientific field. Since 1997 Prof. Marcos has been collaborating at the Spanish Nutrition Society in different positions at the Board of Trustees (Secretary, 1997-99; Scientific Committee, 1999-2003; President, 2003-2007; Past-President, 2007-2010; Treasurer, 2010-2015). She was the President of the FENS Conference that was held in Madrid (October, 2011). At the moment she is the Vicepresident of the International Congress of Nutrition (ICN-2013) that will be held in Granada (September, 2013). Prof. Marcos is currently President-Elect of the Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS: 2011-2015), Vice-president of the Spanish Society of Probiotics and Prebiotics (SEPyP), honorary member of the Royal Academy of Pharmacy from Cataluña since 2011, Guest Lecturer ad-honorem at the Buenos Aires University since 2004 and she has been collaborating as member of several scientific advisory committees, such as ILSI and EUFIC. Prof. Marcos has been coordinating several multi-centre Spanish projects and collaborating in European projects.

Her research has been focused on different aspects of Immunonutrition such as: 1) immunomodulation properties of nutrients, bioactive compounds and functional foods, 2) evaluation of the nutritional status of healthy groups of population (especially adolescents, pregnant women, infants and children) and patients suffering from nutrition-immunity related diseases (eating disorders, overweight, obesity, celiac disease, intolerances, drug-addicts). She has been participating in 85 research projects (68 as a leader) and 434 publications, and her scientific consolidation has been recognized for four 6-year periods (1985-1990, 1991-1996, 1997-2002, 2003-2008).



**Prof. Dr. Hannelore Daniel holds currently the position of a full Professor of Physiology of Nutrition and is a director of the Centre Institute of Nutrition and Food Research at the Technical University of Munich, Germany.**

Her main research interests are molecular nutrition and metabolic control mechanisms by which mammals respond to alterations in nutrient supply assessed at the transcriptome, proteome and metabolite levels including concepts of “personalized nutrition”.

## Positions.

Diploma in Nutritional Sciences from the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen in 1978, Doctoral degree in Biochemistry of Nutrition from the University of Giessen in 1982, from 1980-82, Research Associate at the Justus-Liebig-University, Germany; from 1983-84, Resident in Physiology, Glasgow-University, UK; from 1984-89, Research Associate, Justus-Liebig-University, Germany, from 1989-1990 Assistant Professor, University of Giessen, Germany; from 1990-92, Research Associate, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, USA; from 1993-98, Full Professor, Biochemistry of Nutrition, University of Giessen, Germany and since 1998 full Professor and Chair and Scientific Director of the Center Institute of Food and Nutrition Research at the Technical University of Munich, Germany. Other offers for positions in Academia included a chair in Human Nutrition at the University of Jena, the director position of the German Institute of Nutrition Research (DIfE) and the position of the president of the Max Rubner Institute for Nutrition Research (Bundesinstitut).

## Honors.

1984 Fellowship of the Federation of the European Biochemical Societies  
1988 Fellowship of the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Germany  
1988 Award of the “Herbert Quandt-Stiftung” for the Promotion of Nutritional Science Research  
1989 “Franz-Vogt-Award” of the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen in the Natural Sciences Section  
1991 Award of the “American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases”  
1997 “Henneberg-Lehmann-Award” of the Georg-August-University of Goettingen, Germany  
2003 “Pro meritis-Award” of the State of Bavaria Ministry of Science and Arts  
2010 “Konrad Lang Medal” of the German Society of Nutritional Medicine  
2014 “Bayerische Verfassungsmedaille” of the State of Bavaria

## Other Experience and Professional Memberships.

Board-member of various scientific societies and advisory committees. Elected in 2004 as a member of the National Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina), Germany. Reviewer and advisor for national (DFG) and international funding agencies and the EU commission. Since 2011 chair of the scientific advisory board of the EU Joint programming Initiative “A healthy diet for a healthy life”.

Hannelore Daniel has published around 300 original scientific papers, some 20 reviews, text-books on Physiology and Biochemistry of Human Nutrition and Molecular Nutrition and has provided around 300 oral presentations as invited speaker to various science communities, NGO’s and public bodies.

## Heiner Boeing



**“Vice-President of the German Nutrition Society (DGE).  
Head of Department of Epidemiology. German Institute  
of Human Nutrition Potsdam-Rehbruecke (DIFE), Germany.**

Prof. Dr. Heiner Boeing is trained in nutritional science and epidemiology and can refer to 25 years of research in nutritional epidemiology. Major aspects of his research include methodological questions such as dietary intake measurement, dietary pattern analysis, and biomarkers of diet as well as aetiological research into diet, anthropometry, and other diet related life style factors as determinants of chronic conditions and diseases. As principal investigator of the EPIC Potsdam Study, and the Berlin/Brandenburg part of the German National cohort, Professor Boeing coordinates and actively supports the contributions of DIFE to international cohort consortia such as EPIC, InterAct, and EPIC-CVD.

## Helmut Hesecker



**Professor Hesecker is the President  
of the German Nutrition Society (DGE). .**

He is Professor of Human Nutrition at the University of Paderborn. He has a diploma in human nutrition and was awarded a PhD from the Institute of Nutrition, at the University of Giessen (Germany).

Following his PhD training, he worked at the Institute of Nutrition before his substitute professorship at the University of Paderborn and since 1997 he has been Professor in Human Nutrition at the University of Paderborn, Department of Nutrition and Consumers. He is also visiting professor at Jean Mayer HNRCA at Tufts University Boston. Prof. Hesecker's main research interests include: vitamins and bioactive plant substances, nutritional epidemiology, nutrition and health through the life circle, nutrition and health education. He has published more than 250 publications, books and reviews.