

Curriculum Vitae



Erich SALING, born July 21st 1925, “Professor Emeritus” of Perinatal Medicine at the Charité, Humboldt-University Berlin.

Lines of activities: Engagement in research and clinical practice in the field of Obstetrics, Pre- and Perinatal Medicine since 1958.

Main fields of scientific achievements and new developments: Fetal and neonatal circulation (since 1960). Fetal monitoring during pregnancy and during labor (in this regard development of fetal blood analysis, published 1961). The latter was the very first direct approach to the human fetus applicable for obstetrical routine. Development of an efficient simple and inexpensive program for prevention of premature birth (1972, 1980, 1989, 1994). Research on the History of Perinatal Medicine (since the 1980s). Up to now over 600 publications.

Other activities: 1963 start of international introductory one week courses in Perinatal Medicine. 1967 introduction of the term “Perinatal Medicine” and foundation of the very first national, the German Society of Perinatal Medicine. 1966 publication of the first book, which only focussed on “the infant within obstetrics”. 1968 foundation of the very first international, the European Association of Perinatal Medicine. 1973 foundation of the first International Journal in this field, the Journal of Perinatal Medicine.

Most important distinctions: 2000 Foundation of the ERICH SALING PERINATAL PRIZE by the “World Association of Perinatal Medicine” which is awarded at each World Congress. 1st President of the International Academy of Perinatal Medicine founded in 2005.

Internationally named: “Father of Perinatal Medicine”.

Current academic position: Since 1991 Director of the charitable Institute of Perinatal Medicine located at the “Vivantes Klinikum Neukölln” in Berlin.