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Dr Bernard Ars, a teaching professor in higher education, is a physician surgeon (M.D.), specialising in Ear, Nose and Throat and Head and Neck surgery, in Functional and Occupational Rehabilitation for those with Hearing and Speech Disability and in Medical Insurance and Medical Assessment.

He earned his Doctorate Degree of Higher Learning (PhD) with a thesis in otology, relating to the middle ear, entitled: « La partie tympanale de l'os temporal » (The tympanic part of the temporal bone).

He was profoundly influenced by the teaching of Professor J.Marquet.

His forty year career centred largely on

a hospital-based surgical practice in Brussels and,

in addition, scientific research and teaching at the University of Antwerp.

In his clinical practice, he has an interest in all aspects of otology: deafness and muteness, occupational deafness, congenital malformations, ear infections; but is especially renowned for the treatment of chronic otitis media.

In the scientific field, he is mainly involved with the study of the pathogenesis of inflammatory process of the middle ear cleft mucosa, gaseous exchange across mucosa in the middle ear cleft, the balance of pressure variation in the middle ear cleft, in addition to the surgical morphology of the temporal bone.

Dr Bernard Ars has delivered more than three hundred and fifty presentations in person at international conferences. He has published almost two hundred articles and has contributed as an author and editor to seventeen collected works. He has been awarded several scientific prizes including the Politzer prize. He is a member of the editorial board for several international scientific journals.

He is a visiting Professor for several universities namely: Debrecen (Hungary), Nijmegen (Netherlands), Bucharest (Romania), Kiev (Ukraine), Lviv (Ukraine), Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo). He is also a consultant for the University of Pittsburgh (U.S.A.).

Dr Bernard Ars has been awarded the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa from the University Carol Davila in Bucharest. He holds many academic distinctions and is a member of several international scientific societies.

He has also participated in many international humanitarian missions.

In addition, Dr Bernard Ars is a Bachelor of Philosophy and holds a diploma in Theology and is continually concerned about the personalisation of medicine. On this subject, he has published four collective works: "The meaning of medicine: the human person", "Suffering and dignity", "Fragility – Tell us about your greatness!" ("Fragilité. Dis nous ta grandeur!"), "Medecine: Restorative or Transformative?".

He is Professor of Anthropology and Ethics at the University of Namur (Belgium).

He is also

the Founding Past-President of the European Institute of Bioethics,

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