

Media Release

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Gabriella Karger Receives Honorary Doctorate from the University of Basel

Gabriella Karger has received an honorary doctorate from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Basel, Switzerland.

On November 26, 2021, during its annual anniversary celebration “Dies Academicus”, the University of Basel awarded Gabriella Karger, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors and Publisher at Karger Publishers, an honorary doctorate from the Faculty of Medicine.

This demonstrates the appreciation of Karger Publishers’ longstanding partnerships in health sciences and its intimate connection with Basel. Getting an honorary doctorate is almost a family tradition. Exactly 28 years ago to the day, in 1993, the late Thomas Karger, Gabriella’s father, was awarded the same honor for his achievements in medical publishing. Another 38 years before that, in 1955, Heinz Karger, Gabriella’s grandfather, received an honorary doctorate for advancing health sciences.

“It fills me with pride to receive the honorary doctorate. To be able to carry on the legacy of my family in the fourth generation is not something that can be taken for granted in this rapidly changing world. Remaining true to their core values is a fundamental wish of mine,” says Gabriella Karger. “The award is also a recognition of the achievements of our employees, our scientific network, our partners, and the entire company. It is a confirmation for all of us, and it reassures us that we are on the right track with our new strategy.”

As mentioned in the laudation by the Faculty of Medicine, Gabriella Karger received the honorary doctorate “for her continuous commitment to the dissemination of international current knowledge and latest research in medicine, and the transfer of knowledge from research to clinical practice, as well as the promotion of innovative publishing with a focus on health sciences through the Vesalius Innovation Award.” The publication of the English translation of Andreas

Vesalius' work *De humani corporis fabrica (The Fabric of the Human Body)* as well as the digitization and processing of 130 years of medical publications also contributed to this accolade.

Karger Publishers' commitment to young scientists is another noteworthy reason for awarding the honorary doctorate. This includes the Steven Karger Prize, which is awarded annually by the Faculty of Psychology at the University of Basel. This year, the prize went to Silvia Meyer, MSc and Maria Douneva, PhD for their outstanding publications. Karger Publishers has been donating this prize since 2003, and since 2008 it has been dedicated to the memory of the late Steven Karger, Gabriella's brother and former CEO of Karger Publishers.

"This prize is an expression of our gratitude for the trust placed in us as well as an investment in the future of science and society," states Gabriella Karger. She adds: "And in the same way, I see the honorary doctorate as a sign of appreciation and trust as well as a motivation to continue to advance health sciences."

If you would like an interview with Gabriella Karger, please let us know (contact details below).

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