

VIRCHOW
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FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

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ANNUAL REPORT
2021



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2021 is the founding year of the Virchow Foundation for Global Health, therefore an important milestone in the organisation's history. This annual report provides an overview of the Foundation's activities towards establishing its infrastructure as platform in global health.

THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH WAS FOUNDED TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, WHILE STRENGTHENING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUSTAINABLE IMPROVEMENT OF GLOBAL HEALTH.



WORDS OF THE FOUNDERS



“When we established the Virchow Foundation for Global Health on October 13, 2021, the 200th birthday of Rudolf Virchow, it was with a clear and hopeful mission: to broaden public awareness on the importance of global health and to convene stronger partnerships towards mobilising the attainment of the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) in respect to “health and well-being for all”.

A key pillar of this mission is upheld through the awarding of the Virchow Prize for Global Health, which elevates those exceptional individuals who have dedicated their lives to improve global health.

Laureates of the Virchow Prize for Global Health serve as leading examples and inspiration on how outstanding contributions, strong commitment and ground-breaking innovation can drive this transformation.

As we look to what we have achieved as a global community since the UN SDGs were unanimously adopted by Member States in 2015, it is clear that major challenges remain ahead of us. Only together can we reach health equity as a prerequisite to protect our planet earth.

We hope you share our renewed ambition to improving health a truly universal human right.”

CHRISTOPH MARKSCHIES

GERALD HAUG

FRIEDE SPRINGER

ROLAND GÖHDE

DETLEV GANTEN

RUDOLF VIRCHOW

(1821-1902)



RUDOLF VIRCHOW WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A GREAT SCIENTIST, MEDICAL DOCTOR, SOCIOLOGIST, PATHOLOGIST, ANTHROPOLOGIST, AS WELL AS INFLUENTIAL POLITICAN.

With his ideas, discoveries and activities, Virchow had profound impact on the health and wellbeing of people during his time through present day.

Virchow united in one person the interdisciplinary, intersectoral and humanistic activity which is needed to improve global health.

Rudolf Virchow is thus an example and an inspiration to successfully bridge, with complexity, the increasing challenges within health and other areas of our modern civilisation.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health was launched in October 2021, providing symbolic value to the global health community's celebration of Rudolf Virchow's 200th birthday on October 13, 2021.

Global and public health is currently defined as "the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organised efforts of society", or in the words of Rudolf Virchow,

“MEDICINE IS A SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLITICS IS NOTHING BUT MEDICINE ON A GRAND SCALE!”

There is consensus that the relationship between medical, political, economic and social determinants must be addressed directly and jointly in order to achieve sustainable and universal improvement of health.

FOUNDATION MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH IS TO PROMOTE GLOBAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS SHALL BE REALISED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:



- Awarding of the Virchow Prize for Global Health
- Promotion of research projects and the application of research results
- Networking across actors, sectors, and disciplines related to global and public health
- Supporting symposia and conferences in the field of global health

As a highly regarded and international platform, the Virchow Foundation for Global Health strives to promote and raise awareness of global health issues in a targeted and comprehensive manner among the general public, both nationally and internationally, to contribute to the improvement of global health.

Addressing health and disease from a holistic perspective, this awareness will be generated while regarding the complex interrelationships between medical, political, economic and social determinants. This will be promoted through a joint commitment of respected individuals and organisations, across disciplines and regions, who are committed to a sustainable improvement in global health.

The Virchow Foundation for Global Health acknowledges and aligns its work with the efforts of the United Nations by preserving the health of people and the planet through the attainment of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In this spirit, the Virchow Prize for Global Health, established and supported by the Virchow Foundation for Global Health, recognizes innovations of outstanding significance with a positive and sustainable impact on the broad field of global health.

Exceptional individuals or organisations who have made a significant contribution to improving the health of the world's population, be it through scientific, societal, technological or economic innovations, will be honoured for their commitment and achievements.

VIRCHOW PRIZE & SDGs



THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) OF THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA UNDERLINE THAT HEALTH IS INFLUENCED BY ALL 17 SDGs AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HEALTH ITSELF INFLUENCES EACH OF THESE GOALS.

To accommodate the challenges of the 21st century, there is a need to expand the currently existing scope of international prizes at the highest level. Since 1901, the Nobel Prizes have awarded the fields of medicine or physiology, chemistry, physics, and literature, as well as the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health simultaneously honours humanistic and interdisciplinary research, while upholding the United Nations' efforts to preserve the health of people and the planet.

**VIRCHOW
PRIZE**
FOR GLOBAL HEALTH



The Virchow Prize for Global Health is an independent prize of comparable status, which awards the lifetime achievement of individuals or organisations who have devoted their work to improving global health.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health is the first award of such high prestige to be deliberately established in direct connection to the UN SDGs, and specifically addresses SDG 3 “Good Health and Well-Being” among the 17 Goals.

FOUNDATION STRUCTURE

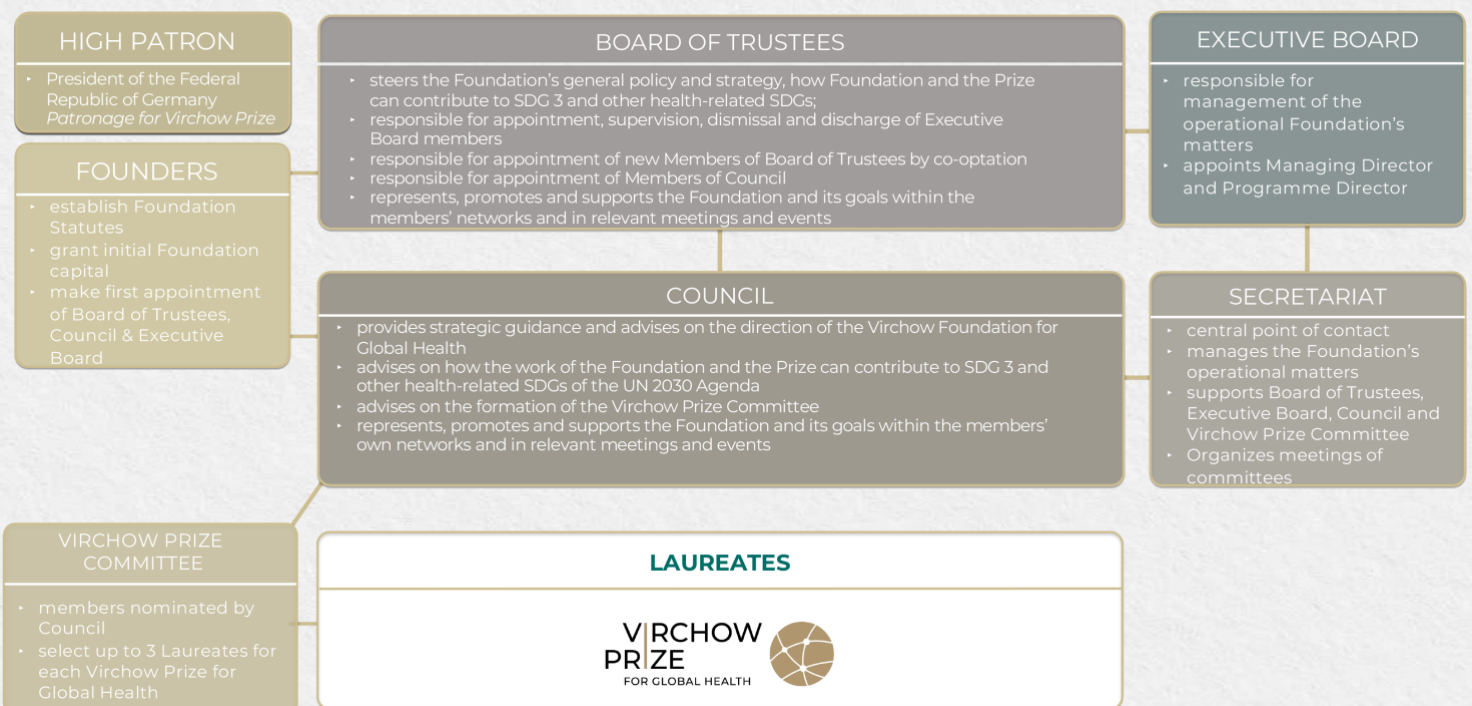


The committees of the Virchow Foundation for Global Health comprise leading international experts with broad expertise and exceptional track record covering a broad range of sectors and disciplines in global health:

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES | [Current composition](#)
- COUNCIL | [Current composition](#)

This joint engagement and commitment in supporting to achieve the Foundation’s mission and goals thus directly fosters networking, interaction and cooperation across actors, sectors, and disciplines related to global and public health.

VIRCHOW FOUNDATION ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



MAY 12 | The process to establish the Virchow Foundation for Global Health was started by initiating the official registration process in Münster, Germany. It is planned to locate the Foundation Secretariat in Berlin.

OCTOBER 3 | Foundation Statutes signed by the five co-founders:

- **Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Christoph Marksches**
President | Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- **Prof. Dr. Gerald H. Haug**
President | German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- **Dr. h.c. Friede Springer**
Chair | Axel Springer Foundation
Founder | Friede Springer Foundation
- **Roland Göhde**
Chairman of the Board | GHA - German Health Alliance
Co-Founder | Göhde Foundation
- **Prof. Dr. Detlev Ganten**
Founding President | World Health Summit



OCTOBER 12 | Signature Date of the deed of establishment of Virchow Foundation for Global Health as independent non-profit foundation under civil law having its seat in Münster. Deed signed by District President, Ms Dorothee Feller.

FOUNDATION REGISTRY 21.13 – V 24

Bezirksregierung Münster, Dezernat 21 – Stiftungsaufsicht –, Albrecht-Thaer-Str. 9, DE-48147 Münster, Germany.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

OCTOBER 13 | Virchow Foundation for Global Health formally and legally recognized at the day of confirming in written the receipt of the deed of establishment as independent non-profit foundation. The same date represents the 200th birthday of the Foundation's namesake Rudolf Virchow (1821-1902).

[Press release](#)



OCTOBER 24 | Virchow Prize for Global Health announced at the World Health Summit Opening Ceremony where speakers included UN Secretary-General António Guterres, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and German Federal Minister of Health Jens Spahn, attended by several hundred participants in the plenary hall and several thousand digitally connected participants from the global health community. The WHS was held under the High Patronage of Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission and Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

[Press release](#)



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MILESTONES

The essential groundwork for establishing and vitalizing the Virchow Foundation for Global Health towards January 1, 2022 is being finalized.

FOUNDATION SECRETARIAT TO BE FORMED

- Victoria Grandsoult | Managing Director
- Annette Welling | Programme Director
- Roland Göhde | Honorary CEO & Member of the Executive Board

DEVELOPMENT OF FOUNDATION'S STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES

- **Board of Trustees** | steers the Foundation general policy and strategy, aiming to realise the Foundation's purpose and mission as laid down in its Statutes. The Board of Trustees is furthermore responsible for the appointment of the Foundation's Council.
 - **8** Board of Trustees members confirmed | [Current composition](#)
- **Council** | is comprised of members with diverse expertise and competencies, across sectors and global representation. A core task of is to nominate and elect the Virchow Prize Committee Members.
 - **14** Council members confirmed | [Current composition](#)
- **Virchow Prize Committee** | is the jury that oversees the annual laureate selection of the Virchow Prize for Global Health, awarded annually by the Virchow Foundation for Global Health.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Virchow Foundation has been legally established on October 13, 2021. Therefore, below accounting statements represent the timeframe from October 13 until December 31, 2021.

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT on the balance sheet from Oct 12 to Dec 31, 2021

Assets		
Purchased property rights, similar rights and assets, licences	6,026,31	€
Bank Account	101,335.24	€
Annual Result	12,638.45	€
Total Assets	120,000.00	€

Liabilities		
Loan	20,000.00	€
Basic Foundation Capital	100,000,00	€
Total Liabilities	120,000.00	€

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT on the surplus account from Oct 12 to Dec 31, 2021

Depreciation	208.10	€
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Budget item		
Office Supply / Stationery	1,312.57	€
Representation Expenses	138.04	€
Legal & Consulting Fees	6,984.12	€
Miscellaneous	3,995.62	€
Total Cost	12,430.35	€

Annual Result	-	12,638.45	€
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