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FOR IF MEDICINE IS REALLY TO ACCOMPLISH ITS GREAT TASK, IT MUST INTERVENE IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE. IT MUST POINT OUT THE HINDRANCES THAT IMPEDE THE NORMAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONING OF VITAL PROCESSES, AND EFFECT THEIR REMOVAL.

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FOREWORD

FOUNDERS

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we present the 2023 Annual Report of the Virchow Foundation. This report serves as a testament to the progress and initiatives we have achieved in the realm of global health over the past year.

The Virchow Foundation was founded with a vision 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”.

At the heart of our endeavors lies the Virchow Prize, a beacon of recognition honouring individuals who have dedicated their lives to advancing the field of global health.

We are delighted to showcase the achievements of the 2023 Laureate, Professor Rose Gana Fomban Leke, whose exemplary contributions to malaria research and gender equity epitomize the spirit of Rudolf Virchow's legacy.

As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our partners, stakeholders, and supporters who have joined us on this journey. Your dedication and collaboration have been instrumental in driving the success of our activities.



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We look forward to continuing the work together and to witness significant advancements in addressing pressing health challenges towards improving the well-being of communities worldwide.

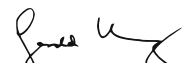
Yours sincerely,


CHRISTOPH MARKSCHIES


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RUDOLF VIRCHOW

1821-1902

Rudolf Virchow is a unique example of a great scientist, medical doctor, pathologist, anthropologist, sociologist and influential politician, who with his ideas, discoveries and activities, had profound impact on the health and well-being of people during his time through present day.

Born over 200 years ago on 13 October 1821, Virchow worked as a physician at Charité. As the founder of the famous Berlin School of Medicine, he became one of the most influential scientists at the beginnings of modern medicine.

Virchow united in one person the interdisciplinary, intersectoral and humanistic concept of well-being which is needed today to improve health at a global scale.

Rudolf Virchow is thus a role model and inspiration to overcome complexity and to bridge the great variety of challenges within health and related areas.





MISSION

The Virchow Foundation’s mission is to promote global and public health. This shall be realised in particular through the following measures:

- Awarding the Virchow Prize accompanied by expedient public relations work.
- Promotion of research projects and the application of research results.
- The networking of actors, groups of actors and sectors (civil society, NGOs, science, politics, business) relating to global health and public health at the national and international levels. Symposiums and conferences can be supported for this purpose.

For the activities beyond the Virchow Prize, the Virchow Foundation in close partnership with the World Health Summit (WHS), will use the WHS as the primary platform

The Virchow Foundation 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 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 is promoted through a joint commitment of respected individuals and organisations, across disciplines and regions, who are dedicated to a sustainable improvement in global health. Upholding and aligning this work with the efforts of the United Nations by preserving the health of people and the planet through the attainment of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals.

THE VIRCHOW PRIZE

& THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Member States unanimously adopted the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on September 25, 2015. Health is influenced by all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and, more importantly, health itself influences each of these goals. Therefore, the Virchow Prize simultaneously honours humanistic and interdisciplinary research, while upholding the United Nations' efforts to preserve the health of people and the planet.

To accommodate the challenges of the 21st century, it was needed to expand the currently existing scope of international prizes at the highest level. The Virchow Prize is an independent prize, which awards the lifetime achievement of individuals or organisations who have devoted their work to improving global health.

The Virchow Prize is the first international award of its kind that was established in direct connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It specifically addresses SDG 3 “Good Health and Well-Being” and the other health-related SDGs among the 17 Goals. Moreover, it utilizes the benefit of SDG 3 – Health & Well-Being for All as an effective entry point and compass for the SDGs.

In 2023, the world has reached the mid-way point for attaining the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development. We remain convinced that jointly improving health worldwide and working stringently towards “health for all” shapes a major contribution to attain the SDGs.

SDG 3 WITHIN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS | EXAMPLES OF SDG 3 INTERCONNECTIONS WITH THE OTHER SDGS

<p>1 NO POVERTY</p>  <p>Prioritising the health needs of the poor</p>	<p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p>  <p>Addressing the causes and consequences of all forms of malnutrition</p>	<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>  <p>Supporting high-quality education for all to improve health and health equity</p>	<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>  <p>Fighting gender inequities, including violence against women</p>
<p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p>  <p>Preventing disease through safe water and sanitation for all</p>	<p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p>  <p>Promoting sustainable energy for healthy homes and lives</p>	<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p>  <p>Promoting health employment as a driver of inclusive economic growth</p>	<p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p>  <p>Promoting national R&D capacity and manufacturing of affordable essential medical products</p>
<p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p>  <p>Ensuring equitable access to health services through UHC based on stronger primary care</p>	<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>  <p>Fostering healthier cities through urban planning for cleaner air, safer and more active living</p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p>  <p>Promoting responsible consumption of medicines to combat antibiotic resistance</p>	<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p>  <p>Protecting health from climate risks and promoting health through low-carbon development</p>
<p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p>  <p>Supporting the restoration of fish stocks to improve a safe and diversified healthy diet</p>	<p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p>  <p>Promoting health and preventing disease through healthy natural environments</p>	<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>  <p>Empowering local institutions to develop, implement, and monitor national SDG responses</p>	<p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>  <p>Mobilising partners to monitor and attain the health-related SDGs</p>

VIRCHOW FOUNDATION

THE COMMITTEES OF THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION 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

The Board of Trustees steers the Virchow Foundation's general policy and strategy, aiming to realise the Foundation's purpose and mission as laid down in the Statutes of the Foundation. Current composition: virchowprize.org/board-of-trustees/

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Comprised of leading, international experts with a shared dedication to improve health worldwide, the Council provides strategic guidance on the direction of both the Foundation and the formation of the Virchow Prize Committee. Members of the Council are committed to ensure the Foundation's success through cross-sectoral cooperation and aligning activities with the United Nations 2030 Agenda SDGs. Current composition: virchowprize.org/council/

VIRCHOW PRIZE COMMITTEE

The Virchow Prize Committee is the independent jury that elaborates and provides the laureate selection of the Virchow Prize, awarded annually by the Virchow Foundation. Selected through a thorough election process, the Virchow Prize Committee is comprised of a diverse group of experts of up to 15 international members representing broad geographic, thematic areas and competencies. The Virchow Prize Committee members are showing full loyalty to the eligibility criteria of the Virchow Prize as well as to the Virchow Foundation's overall mission and goals. Current composition: virchowprize.org/virchow-prize-committee/

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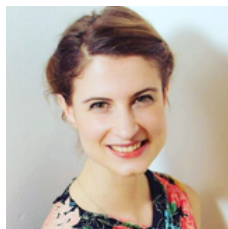
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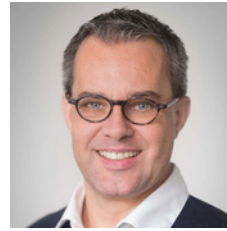
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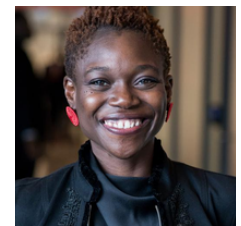
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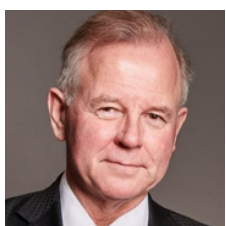
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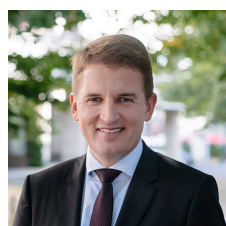
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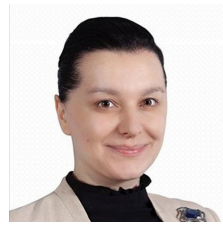
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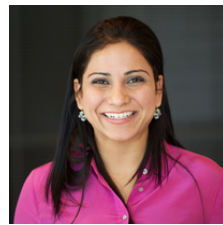
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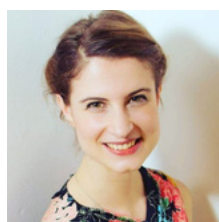
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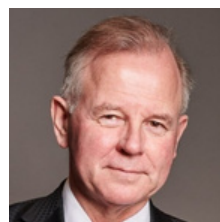
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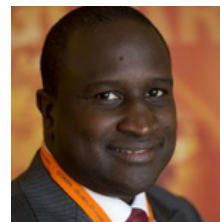
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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	<p><u>FEBRUARY 9</u> OEGH - KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET EVENT SWEDISH PRESIDENCY COUNCIL OF EUROPE & STOCKHOLM AMENDMENT</p>		<p><u>APRIL 12</u> VP TROPHY HANDING TO 2022 LAUREATE IN WASHINGTON DC</p>	<p><u>MAY 11</u> VP TROPHY AT BERLIN MEDICAL HISTORY MUSEUM</p> <p><u>MAY 16</u> SIGNED MOU WITH GAVI</p> <p><u>MAY 24</u> CO-ORGANISED SYMPOSIUM BERLIN MEDICAL SOCIETY (BMG)</p> <p><u>MAY 30</u> LAUNCH OF GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY LAB</p> <p><u>MAY 30</u> PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WHS</p>	
<p><u>JULY 5-7</u> ONE SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FOR ALL FORUM & DECLARATION</p>	<p><u>AUGUST 2</u> JOINT MEETING ON THE VIRCHOW PRIZE 2023 LAUREATE</p> <p><u>AUGUST 29</u> PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG, BÄRBEL BAS, ASSUMES HIGH PATRONAGE</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER 11</u> THE VIRCHOW PRIZE 2023 LAUREATE ANNOUNCED</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER 1</u> JHPIA ARTICLE ON VIRCHOW PRIZE</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 12</u> WELCOME 2023 LAUREATE</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 14</u> THE VIRCHOW PRIZE 2023 AWARD CEREMONY</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 16</u> HIGH LEVEL DINNER WITH 2023 HIGH PATRON, PRESIDENT BAS</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 17</u> 2024 NOMINATION PHASE OPENS</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER 20</u> SIGNED MOU WITH THE STATE OFFICE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (LAGeSo)</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER 29</u> ONE HEALTH PREPARED- NESS, PARTNER- SHIPS & SCIENCE TO PREVENT SYSTEMIC HEALTH RISKS</p>	



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Virchow Foundation was founded to promote awareness of global health issues nationally and internationally, while strengthening research and development cooperation to jointly contribute towards health for all.

This annual report provides an overview of the Foundation's activities and finances towards upholding the four key pillars of its mission.

THE VIRCHOW PRIZE 2023



THE AWARD'S NAMESAKE, RUDOLF VIRCHOW, WITH HIS INTERDISCIPLINARY, HUMANISTIC AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO HEALTH, EXEMPLIFIES AND INSPIRES THE NEEDED SUCCESSFUL BRIDGING OF COMPLEXITY TO IMPROVE HEALTH FOR ALL. IN THIS SENSE, THE LAUREATES OF THE VIRCHOW PRIZE CARRY ON RUDOLF VIRCHOW'S LEGACY.



AYOADE ALAKIJA
CHAIR, IMPACT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH (TRIPLE I)
MASTER OF CEREMONY, 2023 VIRCHOW PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY



AWARD CEREMONY

The second Virchow Prize Award Ceremony was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 in Berlin. Laureate, Rose Gana Fomban Leke, was awarded for her distinctive and exceptional lifetime achievements in strengthening global health, pioneering infectious disease research towards a malaria-free world and relentless dedication in advancing gender equality.

AWARD CEREMONY SPEAKERS

- Master of Ceremony | Ayoade Alakija, Co-Chair, Impact Investment Initiative for Global Health (Triple I)
- Kai Wegner | Governing Mayor of Berlin
- Bärbel Bas | President of the German Bundestag
- Gerald Haug | President, Virchow Foundation, President, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus | Director-General, World Health Organization
- Laudation | Mathisidio Moeti, Regional Director of Africa, World Health Organization
- Laureate | Rose Gana Fomban Leke
- Detlev Ganten | Co-Founder, Virchow Foundation
- Roland Göhde | Co-Founder & CEO, Virchow Foundation
- Axel Pries | President, World Health Summit

Watch the ceremony highlights at virchowprize.org/2023-award-ceremony/



AWARD CEREMONY PROGRAMME

WELCOME NOTES

Dear distinguished guests and esteemed colleagues,

It is with immense pleasure that I welcome each one of you on behalf of the city of Berlin. It is a privilege to host the prestigious Virchow Prize in our country's capital, highlighting the outstanding contributions to this important field from all over the world.

In the spirit of Rudolf Virchow, whose pioneering work revolutionised our understanding of medicine and public health, we are gathering here to celebrate and honour those exceptional individuals and organisations that have dedicated themselves to improving the health and well-being of people around the world.

Berlin, a city that embraces innovation, research, and global cooperation, is a fitting venue for this momentous occasion. As we come together to acknowledge the groundbreaking achievements in the field of global health, we are reminded of the power of collaboration and the profound impact it can have on transforming lives.

I extend my congratulations to the Virchow Prize 2023 Laureate and heartfelt thanks to the Virchow Foundation for organising this special event. May this celebration of global health inspire new connections and an unforgettable time in Berlin.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'K. Wegner'.

KAI WEGNER
GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

WELCOME NOTES

Ladies and gentlemen, Ms. Leke,

Health is the key to a good life and a better world.

As a long-time health politician, I am aware of the many connections between health, education, the economy, the environment and social conditions. It is important to raise awareness of these connections, in the spirit of Rudolf Virchow.

During the coronavirus pandemic, we have had to painfully experience how closely and globally linked our health is. We have seen that a virus can bring entire countries and societies to a standstill. As a result, the value of health has become even more important in the public consciousness.

We live in a country with a strong healthcare system, despite all the problems that also exist here. From a global perspective, this is by no means a given. That is why it is so important that we show solidarity and broaden our horizons.

The Virchow Prize reminds us of this.

As High Patron, I am delighted that this important prize is going to Professor Rose Gana Fomban Leke this year.

Dear Ms. Leke, your groundbreaking research into infectious diseases is helping people all over the world.

For decades, you have been fighting for a malaria-free world and emphasize again and again: malaria is not only a health problem, but a social problem. I find it excellent that you are also committed to the equal participation of women in science. That is a great achievement.

Unfortunately, I cannot be with you in person today. But I am very much looking forward to meeting you and would like to share with this video: congratulations on receiving the Virchow Prize 2023 and thank you for your impressive commitment.

BÄRBEL BAS
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG



WELCOME NOTES

Dear guests and friends,

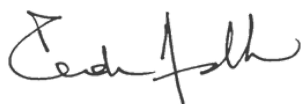
I am delighted to welcome you to the Virchow Prize 2023. Last year, I had the honour of opening the inaugural ceremony of this prestigious prize, establishing it as a new platform to raise awareness and promote collaboration for global health. The Virchow Prize highlights the importance of international, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral cooperation and has support from the highest levels of the German government.

Germany has been a strong partner in strengthening health systems to build a healthier and more equitable world. It has demonstrated exceptional political leadership and vision in helping to strengthen the global health architecture for future generations, including

hosting the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence in Berlin. WHO continues to look to Germany for its partnership and leadership as we work together to catalyse positive change on the path towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

This year's Virchow Prize honours 2023 Laureate Emeritus Professor Rose Leke. Professor Leke was selected by the Virchow Prize Committee for her distinctive and exceptional lifetime achievements in strengthening global health, her dedication to advancing gender equality, and her pioneering research in malaria and other pressing infectious diseases. Professor Leke is a Fellow of the Cameroon Academy of Sciences, the former head of the faculty of medicine at the University of Yaoundé 1, and the former president of the Federation of African Immunological Societies. She has served on many prestigious scientific advisory committees, including for WHO.

Our celebration of Professor Leke recognizes her dedication to the importance of solidarity and equity in global health, to achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and the importance of worldwide cooperation as we work together to achieve Health for All.



TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



THE VIRCHOW PRIZE 2023 LAUREATE

ROSE GANA FOMBAN LEKE

I am deeply honoured and incredibly privileged to be the second recipient of the Virchow Prize.

My journey began with the simple belief that my passion for improving the health disparities I saw growing up in my country, Cameroon, and on the African continent could be enhanced. I have spent my entire professional career helping to address critical global health challenges across Africa, such as malaria, polio, immunization and gender equity.

This passion, powered by focused scientific research on infectious diseases and collaboration with global health partners, has helped in achieving critical milestones while igniting the aspirations of African female scientists; combined, this has positively impacted the well-being of our global communities.

As I think about my life's work, knowing that my simple idea has left an enduring legacy worthy of this recognition by the Virchow Prize is very humbling and the perfect bookend to my career journey.

I dedicate this award to all the women – and men – who work tirelessly every day to improve health outcomes around the world, and especially in Africa. To God be the glory.

Read the Virchow Prize Committee rationale & watch the official announcement at virchowprize.org/2023-laureate/



ROSE GANA FOMBAN LEKE

Rose Leke was born in Cameroon and began her impressive academic career at the St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana, United States. Finishing her undergraduate studies in 1969, Rose Leke completed a master's degree in Zoology at the University of Illinois, Champagne Urbana, USA, and later a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology at the Université de Montréal, which she obtained in 1979.

In 1985, Professor Rose Leke began at the University of Yaoundé I as a Lecturer, advancing to Director of the Biotechnology Centre and Head of the Department of Microbiology, Haematology, Immunology and Infectious Diseases within the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences twenty years later.



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In 2002, Dr Leke was appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Medical Research and the Studies of Medicinal Plants (IMPM) at the Ministry of Scientific Research Yaoundé by presidential decree. In 2014, Leke was called to Chair the Scientific and Educational Council (CRFD-SVSE) by national decree of the Rector of the University of Yaoundé; positions she stills holds today. She is Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Cameroon First Lady's Research Institute, CIRCB. As a prominent and essential thought leader in global health for over four decades, Rose Leke continues to actively shape and engage in the global health landscape, advising several prestigious initiatives, global policy-making bodies and boards.

Among them, Chair of the African Regional Commission for the Certification of Eradication of Poliomyelitis (ARCC)- the commission that declared the Region free from Indigenous Wild Polio Virus on August 25, 2020, and Rose read the declaration; Cameroonian National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG), the WHO's Malaria Policy Advisory Group, Chair of the ARCC, a member of the Global Commission for the Eradication of Polio towards certifying the world free of poliomyelitis. She co-chairs with the Dean of the School of Public Health, "Harvard's Defeating Malaria Initiative" and was recently appointed Chair of Gavi's Independent Review Committee (IRC) in 2023.



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ROSE GANA FOMBAN LEKE

As one of six women selected for the African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Award for Women in 2011, Rose Leke received a letter of congratulations from the President and First Lady of the Republic of Cameroon. To build on this recognition and to raise awareness on the crucial gap of women's participation in science, Professor Leke founded, with the help of other senior scientists, the Higher Institute for Growth in Health Research for Women (HIGHER Women's Consortium). Since its implementation it has grown to great heights, spurring interest from younger women in health science research. Rose Leke is an icon for many adolescent girls and women pursuing a scientific career, continuously paving the way for their active participation through transformative leadership at both the societal and structural levels.

These powerful advancements in fighting for gender equity are joined with her important research and contributions to our collective understanding of infectious diseases. Professor Leke is recognized as a leading African immunologist, parasitologist and malariologist who has pioneered collaborative research within the broad areas of immunology and parasitology, while playing an instrumental role in advancing the global health landscape in Africa and abroad. A primary focus of her scientific work has been on parasitic infections, particularly innovative research in malaria and pregnancy-associated malaria.

Bolstering her remarkable research career, Rose Leke has also demonstrated exceptional dedication to polio eradication by being in the forefront of comprehensive initiatives on the ground, working with all partners, governments and communities. These collaborative efforts between local partners and multinational organisations led to improved vaccination access, strengthened surveillance and outbreak responses towards global polio eradication.

For over forty years, Rose Leke has demonstrated the utmost impressive dedication in advancing research, engagement and awareness for the eradication of deadly infectious diseases alongside her continuous leadership in trailblazing for women and girls to succeed in science. Combined, these efforts have contributed immensely to mobilising the attainment of the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals and "health and wellbeing for all".



2023 HIGH PATRON

BÄRBEL BAS
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG



HEALTH IS CRUCIAL TO LEAD A GOOD LIFE – AND TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS PAINFULLY DEMONSTRATED HOW CLOSELY INTERCONNECTED AND GLOBAL OUR HEALTH IS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEALTH, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS – IN THE SPIRIT OF RUDOLF VIRCHOW.

AS AN ESTABLISHED HEALTH POLICY ADVOCATE AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG, I AM HONOURED TO SERVE AS HIGH PATRON OF THE VIRCHOW PRIZE 2023, TO ACKNOWLEDGE INNOVATIONS AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS ‘HEALTH FOR ALL.



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HIGH LEVEL DINNER OCTOBER 16

On Monday, October 16, the exclusive Virchow Prize Dinner was hosted to honour the Virchow Prize 2023 Laureate, Rose Leke.

This high-level dinner was held at the Berlin Global Health Collective with High Patron of the Virchow Prize 2023, Bärbel Bas, as a special guest.

Speakers included

- Karl Lauterbach | Federal Minister of Health, Germany
- Marie-Ange Saraka-Yao | Chief Resource Mobilisation & Growth Officer, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Ambassador for the Virchow Prize
- Albert Hofman | Stephen B. Kay Family Professor of Public Health and Clinical Epidemiology
- Ricardo Baptista Leite | CEO, HealthAI, Member of the Board of Trustees, Virchow Foundation
- Konrad Reinhart | Founding President, Global Sepsis Alliance
- Johannes Wagner | Member of the German Bundestag



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SUBCOMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH GERMAN BUNDESTAG OCTOBER 16

On the occasion of the inaugural Virchow Prize Award Ceremony in October 2022, a plenary debate on global health was held at the German Bundestag. This year, the Virchow Prize 2023 Laureate, Rose Leke, joined the official debate of the Subcommittee on Global Health along with other experts and actively contributed with a detailed and highly praised first statement. The meeting debated the topic: **Agenda 2030 – Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3) – Strengthening parliamentary cooperation to achieve SDG 3 Europe as a global health actor**

Additional speakers included:

- Catharina Böhme | Assistant Director General External Relations & Governance, World Health Organization
- Francisco Perez Canado | Adviser to the Director General on the External Dimension of Health, EU Commission
- Iryna Kostenko | Member of Parliament, Ukraine



Watch the debate:
www.bundestag.de/ausschuesse/a14_gesundheit/glg/anhoerungen/970624-970624

LAUREATE WELCOME BY VIRCHOW FOUNDATION OCTOBER 12

To welcome the Virchow Prize 2023 Laureate, Rose Leke, to Berlin, the Virchow Foundation hosted an intimate dinner within the Medical Historical Museum at the Charité – University Medicine Berlin. Participants included invited guests of Rose Leke, leadership at the Charité, the Virchow Foundation team and close partners.



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ROUNDTABLE WITH LAUREATE AT ROTES RATHAUS OCTOBER 13

The Senator for Higher Education, Research, Health and Long-Term Care, Dr Ina Czyborra, and the Virchow Foundation, hosted a roundtable discussion with Rose Leke on the day before the Virchow Prize 2023 Award Ceremony. Senator Dr Ina Czyborra hosted this meeting as a welcome reception n to the Rotes Rathaus and Berlin on behalf of the Governing Mayor, Kai Wegner.

Expert scientists, academics, and government officials from Berlin met to exchange knowledge on global health topics while gaining insight from Rose Leke's diverse experience.

Additional speakers included:

- Detlev Ganten | Co-Founder, Virchow Foundation for Global Health
- Hermann Gröhe | Member of the German Bundestag



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2022 PRIZE ENDOWMENT

On November 11, 2022, Virchow Prize Laureate, John N. Nkengasong announced that he will dedicate the entire prize endowment to a non-profit organisation in Kampala, Uganda, to support programmes that help address health inequities in vulnerable populations.

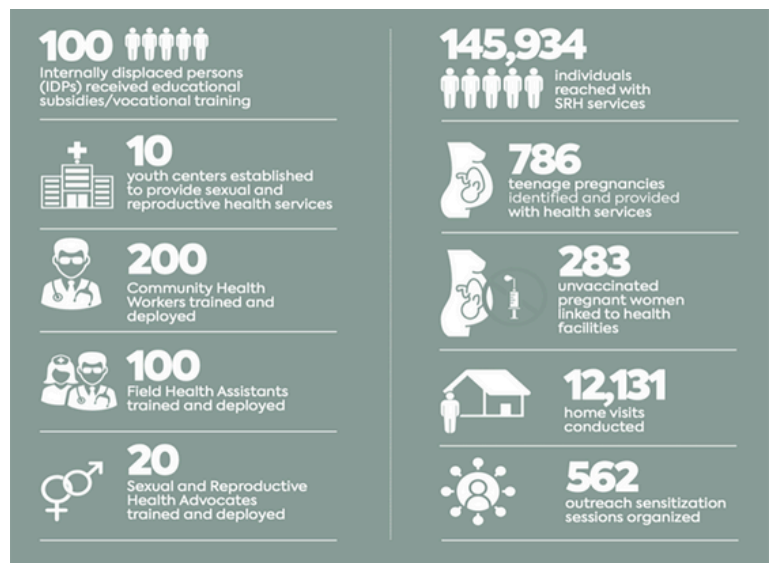
EMPOWERING VULNERABLE AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS IN CAMEROON THROUGH THE VIRCHOW PRIZE DONATION OF 500,00 EUROS (EVDP).

The "Empowering Vulnerable and Displaced Populations in Cameroon through the Virchow Prize Donation of 500,000 Euros (EVDP)" project was implemented from April to November 2023, empowering vulnerable and displaced adolescent girls and boys, as well as young women and men, in conflict-stricken regions of Cameroon.

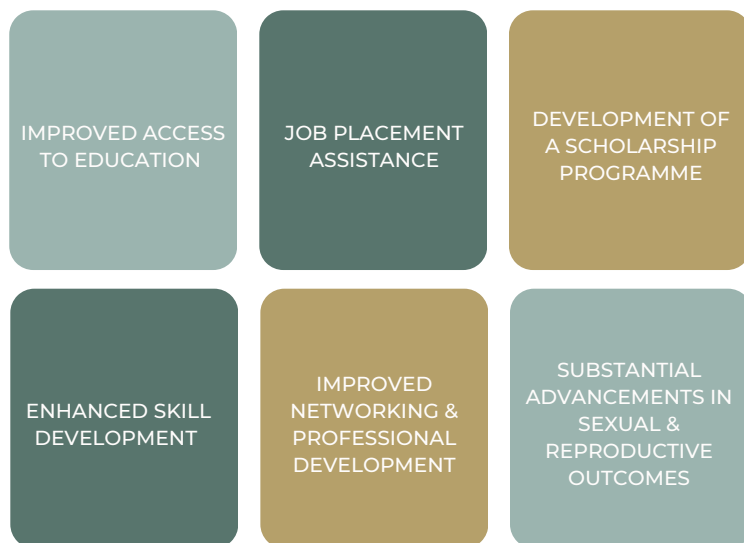
The project focused on

- Strengthening educational and economic empowerment
- Strengthening the community healthcare workforce
- Enhancing sexual and reproductive health

Key achievements in numbers



VIRCHOW PRIZE ENDOWMENT | IMPACT



The African Field Epidemiology (AFENET) is a not-for-profit networking and service organization dedicated to improving health outcomes of the communities in liaison with ministries of health and other partners. Strengthening capacity for public health preparedness and response through Field Epidemiology (and Laboratory) Training Programs, and other applied epidemiology training programs is among their core activities.

Source: AFENET Project Report EVDP | More information: virchowprize.org/vp2022-afenet/



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Coverage of the Virchow Prize and the 2023 award ceremony was featured internationally, in both digital and print media. Select outlets are displayed below.

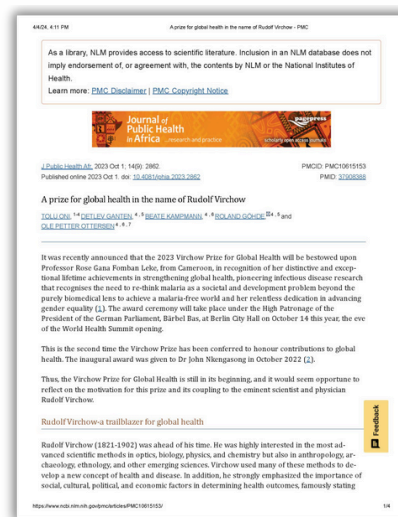


OCTOBER 1 | ARTICLE IN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AFRICA (JPHIA) “A Prize for Global Health in the name of Rudolf Virchow”

In the weeks leading up to the Virchow Prize 2023 Award Ceremony, an article was published in an international peer-reviewed journal which reflects on the motivation for this prize and its coupling to the eminent scientist and physician Rudolf Virchow. Authors of this article are:

- Tollulah Oni | Director, Global Diet and Physical Activity Group, University of Cambridge
- Detlev Ganten | Co-Founder & Mmember of the Board of Trustees, Virchow Foundation
- Beate Kampmann | Director, Charité Center for Global Health
- Roland Göhde | Co-Founder & CEO, Virchow Foundation
- Ole Petter Ottersen | Former President, Karolinska Institutet

Oni T, Ganten D, Kampmann B, Göhde R, Ottersen OP. A prize for global health in the name of Rudolf Virchow. J Public Health Afr. 2023 Oct 1;14(9):2862. [Doi: 10.4081/jphia.2023.2862](https://doi.org/10.4081/jphia.2023.2862)



VIRCHOW PRIZE TROPHY

This one-of-a-kind design provides a bridge between the past and future of global health. Its central feature is the glass specimen jar, curated from the Pathology Laboratory of the Charité – University Medicine Berlin. Estimated to be more than 100 years old, similar specimen jars were utilized by Rudolf Virchow himself to preserve medical discoveries and contribute to the advancement of science and education.

Suspended within each Virchow Prize trophy is a “specimen” that represents or symbolizes the longstanding work of the laureates and their unique contribution to global health. Within the trophy is a brass plate, laser etched with the name of the laureate and indicating the awarding year. The lid is additionally made of brass, etched with the image of Rudolf Virchow and sealed.

This original jar featuring the specimen, brass plate and lid will be showcased in the Historical Museum at the Charité – University Medicine Berlin for students and the community to visit and learn from the achievements of the Virchow Prize laureates – upholding Rudolf Virchow’s lifelong ambition to democratize and stimulate education.



Pictured is the trophy presented to Virchow Prize 2023 Laureate, Rose Leke, on Saturday, October 14. The “specimen” inside the trophy showcases her dedication to increasing women’s participation in science and towards advancing gender equality. Rose Leke is an educator and mentor who uses her platform to elevate other women in her field. This is represented with the raised steps, prepared to imitate a classroom blackboard with words written in chalk.

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HANDING OVER OF THE TROPHY 2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE LAUREATE

APRIL 12 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

On the sidelines of the 2023 World Health Summit regional meeting in Washington, D.C., Co-Founders of the Virchow Foundation, Roland Göhde and Detlev Gaten, alongside Hermann Gröhe, Member of the German Parliament and of the Virchow Foundation Board of Trustees, personally delivered the trophy to Virchow Prize 2022 Laureate, John N. Nkengasong which before had been handed over on stage at the inaugural award ceremony in Berlin on October 15, 2022.



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PARTNERSHIPS

Upholding its core vision to raise awareness and networking across sectors, the Virchow Foundation established strategic partnerships for both its organisational growth and the joint advancement of global health targets. Through these activities in 2023, the Foundation upheld the remaining pillars of its mission.

- 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.

ONE SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FORUM | ONE EUROPE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

The One Sustainable Health Forum (OSH) brings together trans-disciplinary experts to gather significant recommendations and initiate innovative actions in favour of one sustainable health for all.

One Europe for Global Health Coalition (OEGH) is a civil society coalition that bundles the voices from a diversity of professional organisations and citizens across Europe and around the world.

The Virchow Foundation is a proud strategic partner of these initiatives, with Co-founders Detlev Ganten and Roland Göhde serving as members of the OEGH Steering Committee.



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FEBRUARY 9 | STOCKHOLM

On the occasion of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of Europe, the Karolinska Institutet hosted and co-organised an event with the OEGH, “Implementing the New EU Global Health One Health strategy”

JULY 5-7 | LYON

A three day international event organised by the OSH in Lyon, France. The conference brought together high-level political and technical stakeholders from different countries to discuss the recommendations drafted by the six international working groups – hosted in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Senegal, Brazil, Lebanon and Germany – and map out the path towards the integration of a One Sustainable Health approach in budgets, programmes, and projects at country-level.

References:

One Sustainable Health for All Lyon Declaration: oneeuropeforglobalhealth.org

OEGH Stockholm Amendment: oneeuropeforglobalhealth.org

PARTNERSHIPS

BERLIN MEDICAL HISTORY MUSEUM

MAY 11 | AGREEMENT SIGNED

Professor Thomas Schnalke, Director of the Berlin Medical History Museum and Victoria Grandsoult, Managing Director of the Virchow Foundation, signed an agreement to annually display the Virchow Prize trophy as part of the museum's permanent exhibition in the historical exhibition room.

The one-of-a-kind Virchow Prize trophy dually embodies the impact that both the prize winners and Rudolf Virchow have had within the field. Thus, providing a bridge between the past and future of global health, which is further conveyed in featuring the Virchow Prize trophy in the historical exhibition room of the museum.

The Berlin Medical History Museum is an institution of the Charité – University Medicine Berlin and is located in the former museum building of the Pathology Institute on the grounds of the Charité (Campus Mitte). After more than three years of renovation, the Berlin Medical History Museum reopened on June 16, 2023.



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BERLIN MEDICAL SOCIETY (BMG)

MAY 24 | SYMPOSIUM

“From the Berlin School of Medicine to Global Health, a core brand of European politics”

On May 24, 2023, the Berlin Medical Society (BMG) brought together leading experts from their various fields across health and science for a symposium to discuss the growth and evolution of the global health ecosystem in Berlin within their respective fields. The symposium was initiated by the BMG and co-organised with the Virchow Foundation, together with the World Health Summit (WHS) and the Charité Center for Global Health.

Programme & speakers virchowprize.org/event/bmg-2023event

PARTNERSHIPS

GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE

MAY 16 | MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED, BERLIN



Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is a public-private partnership that helps vaccinate half the world’s children against some of the world’s deadliest diseases. From its inception in 2000 through 2021, Gavi has helped to immunise a whole generation – over 981 million children – and prevented more than 16.2 million future deaths, helping to halve child mortality in 73 lower-income countries.

Both Gavi and the Virchow Foundation for Global Health are committed to contributing to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, in particular to SDG 3 (“Good Health and Well-Being”) and SDG 17 (“Partnerships for the Goals”), within the areas of equitable health access and universal health coverage.

The Memorandum of Understanding provides a framework between Gavi and the Virchow Foundation where both organisations commit to work together in the following areas:

- Leverage Gavi and the Virchow Foundations’ platforms and networks to raise awareness and engage in advocacy activities for global and public health issues;
- Jointly organise and facilitate meetings, including key global health events such as the annual awarding of the Virchow Prize;
- Unite different actors and sectors with the shared goal of improving of global health equity, health resilience and building multi-sectoral partnerships for health.



Pictured (left to right): Marie-Ange Saraka-Yao, Markus Beck, Victoria Grandsoult. © Steffi Gasteiger

PARTNERSHIPS

GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY LAB

MAY 24 | SOFT-LAUNCHED AT WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, GENEVA

The Global Health Policy Lab (GHPL) is a collaborative initiative involving the Charité Center for Global Health (CCGH), the Health Systems Innovation Lab at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and other international partners. The GHPL is supported by and executed under the umbrella of the Virchow Foundation, working in close alignment with the World Health Summit (WHS) and the UNITE Parliamentarians for Global Health Network (UNITE).

The goal of the GHPL is to foster innovation in providing policy makers at all levels (multilateral, national, state, regional and local) with knowledge, tools and competencies capable of accelerating the translation of evidence-based recommendations into laws, policies, awareness campaigns and other political interventions. Ultimately, the aim is to making science-informed policy-making a universal reality, thereby contributing towards improved access to care and a healthier population at a global scale.

The GHPL was announced in the sidelines of the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva.

Speakers included:

- Ricardo Baptista Leite | Chair, Global Health Policy Lab
- Beate Kampmann | Director, Charité Center for Global Health
- Rifat Atun | Professor, Global Health Systems, Harvard University
- Gaudenz Silberschmidt | Director, Health and Multilateral Partnerships of the World Health Organization
- Ilona Kickbusch | Global Health Consultant
- Roland Göhde | Co-Founder & CEO, Virchow Foundation
- Axel Pries | President, World Health Summit

GHPL Website: globalhealthpolicylab.org



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PARTNERSHIPS

WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT

MAY 30 | PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED



The World Health Summit (WHS) and the Virchow Foundation are working together to promote global health issues in a targeted and comprehensive manner in line with the health-related United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Both organisations strengthen their cooperation through a dedicated partnership agreement with a focus on humanitarian, multilateral and multisectoral engagement as well as science-based health strategy and policy.



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Central to this partnership is the close collaboration each October which bridges the Virchow Prize Award Ceremony (Saturday, October 14) with the WHS Opening Ceremony (Sunday, October 15). This was once more executed with the President of the WHS, Axel Pries, speaking at the Virchow Prize ceremony to symbolically hand over the baton. The following evening, the 2023 Laureate, Rose Leke, was featured in the WHS Opening Ceremony and held various speaking roles throughout the conference weekend.



STATE OFFICE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS(LAGeSo)

NOVEMBER 20 | MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED

Alexander Staßmeier, President, Berlin State Office for Health and Social Affairs (Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales, LAGeSo), and Detlev Ganten, Virchow Foundation, signed a partnership agreement to increase cooperation in the field of health promotion in Berlin and to further strengthen the capital as an international hub for health innovation.

The MoU establishes a partnership focusing on various key areas while placing greater emphasis on achieving the health-related SDGs of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. In close cooperation with other important partner organisations in Berlin, this agreement with LAGeSo enables the Virchow Foundation to continuously develop Berlin partnerships and bundle activities towards "Health for All".



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SPECIAL OCCASIONS



SWEDISH GERMAN BUSINESS DAY

NOVEMBER 17 | POLITICAL ROUND TABLE & EXECUTIVE LUNCH WITH H.R.H. CROWN PRINCESS VICTORIA OF SWEDEN

Collaboration between governments, the private sector, research and multilateral organizations is essential in this complex effort of strengthening Europe's immediate and long-term readiness to combat cross-border health threats. Germany and Sweden are connected by a longstanding and close relationship fostered by an innovation partnership that places health including cooperation within e-health on top of its agenda. This political round table provided an exclusive opportunity to discuss different angles on what is needed to strengthen an effective crisis response with renowned experts from the Swedish-German healthcare sector. With Swedish-German collaboration as a starting point, a closer look on three main aspects of public debate was discussed:

- How investing in a **holistic perspective on health** can guide EU's long-term strategy to combat cross-border health threats
- How **sustainable communication channels** between governmental decision-makers and the healthcare sector can be established to enable a coordinated crisis response
- Why **accessible health data** is vital in the immediate efforts to strengthen resilient healthcare systems in the EU

On November 17, 2023, CEO of the Virchow Foundation, Roland Göhde, joined this exclusive event in Frankfurt.



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2023

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT on the balance sheet from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2023

Assets		
Purchased property rights, similar rights and assets, licenses	4,616.31	€
Bank Accounts	624,982.49	€
Fixed Term Deposit Account	100,000.00	€
GH Project Bank Account	366,432.09	€
Total Assets	1,096,030.89	€

Liabilities		
Basic Foundation Capital	100,000.00	€
Reserve for Virchow Prize Endowment 2023 Payment	500,000.00	€
Reserve for GH Project Cost	365,000.00	€
Free Reserve	95,000.00	€
Annual Result	36,030.89	€
Total Liabilities	1,096,030.89	€

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT on the surplus account from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2023

Income		
Donations & Grants	952,138.07	€
GH Project Execution	33,710.00	€
GH Project Related Donations & Grants	487,108.68	€
Total Income	1,472,956.75	€

Cost		
Depreciation	3,702.03	€
Cost of Staff	145,782.50	€
Prize Ceremony	190,518.38	€
Legal Cost & Consulting Fees	12,956.42	€
PR & Communication, VF Friends	3,971.47	€
Office Supplies, EDP, Web Hosting	3,818.93	€
Travel Cost & Hospitality	8,765.89	€
Memberships, Miscellaneous	14,194.61	€
GH Project Cost 2023	120,676.59	€
Profit carried forward from the previous year	(27,460.96)	€
Allocation to Reserves for Virchow Prize Endowment and GH Project Cost	865,000.00	€
Allocation to Free Reserves	95,000.00	€
Total Cost	1,436,925.86	€

Annual Result	36,030.89	€
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VIRCHOW FOUNDATION SECRETARIAT



Left to right: Harald Hasselmann, Roland Göhde, Branwen Hennig, Victoria Grandsoult, Steffi Gasteiger, Annette Welling, Detlev Ganten, Rudolf Virchow bust. © Steffi Gasteiger

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- Steffi Gasteiger | Communication & Partnerships Manager, Virchow Foundation
- Roland Göhde | Co-Founder & CEO, Virchow Foundation
- Victoria Grandsoult | Managing Director, Virchow Foundation
- Dr. Harald Hasselmann | Chair, Friends of the Virchow Foundation
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- Dr. Annette Welling | Programme Director, Virchow Foundation & Friends

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A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE BUILDING A FUTURE TOWARDS HEALTH FOR ALL

Friends of the Virchow Foundation is a change driven platform which brings together highly committed individuals, companies and institutions who support the Foundation's goals, both ideally and financially.

Key activities of Friends include:

- Raising awareness on the importance of global health among the broader public
- Networking actors, sectors and disciplines related to global health on a national and international level
- Elevating the recognition of the Virchow Prize

Friends of the Virchow Foundation part of an exclusive network that works towards contributing innovative solutions at the national, international and global level. These efforts uphold UN Sustainable Development Goal 17 – “Partnerships for the Goals”.

THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION CORDIALLY THANKS OUR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN SHARING AND SUPPORTING OUR JOINT AIMS IN LINE WITH THE HEALTH-RELATED UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS – LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER:

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- Pfizer Pharma GmbH
- Software AG – Stiftung
- Dr. h.c. Friede Springer
- further anonymous supporters



Left to right: Dr. Ingrid Wüning Tschol, Roland Göhde, Arend Oetker, Prof. Dr. Detlev Ganten, Dr. h.c. Friede Springer, Dr. Harald Hasselmann, Prof. Dr. Maike Sander, Brigitte Oetker, Dr. Andreas Eckert

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BERLIN GLOBAL HEALTH COLLECTIVE

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Launched in autumn 2023, the Berlin Global Health Collective is a new hub and meeting point for diverse stakeholders located in the centre of the capital city. The location supports enhanced engagement for global health for both local and visiting partners in Berlin. The Virchow Foundation Secretariat office is based within the Collective.



Friends of the Virchow Foundation gain preferred access to the Berlin Global Health Collective as well as other benefits, including:

- Invitation to the Virchow Prize Award Ceremony with an opportunity to meet the laureates exclusively
- Regular invitations to roundtable discussions, contributing a voice in shaping the global health agenda
- Organise meetings with the support of our team around preferred global topics

For more information, please contact Dr. Harald Hasselmann, Chair of the Friends network, at secretariat@virchow.foundation



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