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He was founding chairman of the Task Force on Pain Management for the Austrian Society of Anaesthesiology, Resuscitation and Intensive Care Medicine, past president of the Austrian Pain Society (National IASP Chapter) and councillor of the European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC) from 2001-2005. He is also a co-founder and current Executive Board member of the Austrian Society for Palliative Care, Chairman of the Task Force on Pain Management of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP), and Treasurer of EFIC since 2005.

Professor Kress earned his MD and PhD degrees and completed a residency in anaesthesiology and intensive care medicine after a 2-year postdoctoral research fellowship in immunology at the University of Wuerzburg Medical School in Germany. In 1989, he was awarded the *Central-European Anaesthesiology Award* by the German, Swiss and Austrian Societies of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine. He is certified by the Austrian and the German Board of Physicians, with added qualifications in Critical Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Prehospital Care.

Professor Kress is Associate Editor of the *European Journal of Pain (EJP)*, co-editor of *Acute Pain* and has authored numerous scientific articles, books and book chapters. His multiple clinical and experimental research interests include clinical investigations of invasive pain therapy and neuromodulation in cancer and non-cancer patients, neuro- and immunopharmacology of anaesthetics, analgesics and cannabinoids.