

Professional Sketch – Prof. Andrea Superti-Furga

Dr. Andrea Superti-Furga has obtained his medical degrees at the Universities of Genoa and Zurich and certification in Pediatrics in Italy and Switzerland. His mentors were Professors Paolo Durand, Victor McKusick, Andrea Prader, Andreas Fanconi, Andres Giedion, Richard Gitzelmann and Beat Steinmann. He developed a research activity on inborn diseases in Zurich and in New York with Prof. Francesco Ramirez. He was appointed Full Professor for Molecular Pediatrics at the University of Lausanne in 2002, and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Freiburg, Germany, in 2004. In October 2010 he was awarded the Leenaards Chair of Excellence in Pediatrics at the University of Lausanne, 2014-2015 he was Director of the Department of Pediatrics, and in 2016 he was appointed Head of the Division of Genetic Medicine at the Lausanne University Hospital.

A representative of science- and molecular biology-based pediatrics both in research and in clinical practice, r. Superti-Furga e is committed to a holistic approach to pediatrics with a comprehensive perspective that includes the genetic and molecular bases of development and disease, the growth and development of healthy children as well as those with chronic disease, and the social, economical and ethical issues around disabled children with rare diseases and their families.