Biography

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Professor Fernando Schmitt is Professor of Pathology at the University of Porto, Director of RISE (Clinical and Translational Research Network of the Medical Faculty) and Head of Molecular Pathology Unit at IPATIMUP, Past-President of the International Society of Breast Pathology and General Secretary and President-elect of the International Academy of Cytology (IAC). He has authored more than 500 papers in peer-review journals, 33 book chapters and he is editor of six books, one of molecular pathology, one of molecular cytology, one in serous effusions, other of cytopathology and other two of breast cytopathology. Prof Schmitt is widely considered a world-leading expert in cytopathology and breast cancer. Fernando was a fellow at the Karolinska Medical Hospital, Stockholm, and was Professor of Pathology at the University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil and University of Toronto, Canada. He was also Director of the Department of Medicine at Laboratoire national de santé, Luxembourg. His research work is on breast cancer, with emphasis on molecular markers, cell adhesion and invasion, therapeutic targets and mechanisms of resistance. In the last years, his research work has been dedicated to the study of molecular markers on cytological material. Fernando serves as Editor in Chief of Pathobiology and Associate Editor of six major scientific journals and sits on the editorial board of many others. He is standing member of WHO Classification of Tumours – International Academy of Cytology. He has also been chair, president or scientific director of several major European, Portuguese and Brazilian scientific societies of pathology and cytology. Fernando received the prize of Educator of the Year 2011 by the Papanicoloau Society of Cytology (USA), also received the prize GOLDBLATT AWARD 2013 from the International Academy of Cytology. In 2018 received the prize Dario Cruz from the Portuguese League Against Cancer for his career as researcher in breast cancer.