The Otto Warburg Medal 2022 goes to Stefanie Dimmeler

The Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (GBM e.V.) and Elsevier/BBA honors Prof. Dr. Stefanie Dimmeler for her pioneering work in the field of cardiovascular disease.

Mosbach, April 1, 2022: Today, the German Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (GBM e.V.) and its cooperation partners, Elsevier and Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA), are presenting the Otto Warburg Medal to Prof. Dr. Stefanie Dimmeler for her outstanding research in the field of cardiovascular diseases. The director of the Institute of Cardiovascular Regeneration at the Centre for Molecular Medicine at the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main will receive a prize of 25,000 euros for her groundbreaking research.

"With her findings, Prof. Dimmeler has been able to make a fundamental contribution to the understanding of cardiovascular diseases and develop therapeutic approaches aimed at improving cardiovascular regeneration after a heart attack," says Prof. Dr. Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro, President of the GBM. "We are very pleased to award such an important scientist as Prof. Dimmeler with the Otto Warburg Medal 2022."

Cardiovascular diseases are among the leading causes of death worldwide. Prof. Dimmeler and her team have succeeded in using an inhibitor against a non-coding RNA to improve blood flow and strengthen cardiac function. The goal of their various approaches is to develop new cellular and pharmacological therapies to improve the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

"Honoring excellent researchers is very important to us and we are pleased that we have already been able to honor nine top researchers in the course of our 10-year cooperation with GBM," explains Petra Ullrich, Marketing Director Europe at Elsevier. "In this case, I am particularly pleased to honor a scientist whose research is making a significant contribution to new treatment concepts for cardiovascular diseases and who is also an inspiration and role model for many young female researchers."

The Otto Warburg Medal has been awarded since 1963 and is considered the most prestigious German award in the field of biochemistry and molecular biology. Previous winners include leading international scientists such as Nobel Laureate Prof. Emmanuelle Charpentier (2016), Nobel Laureate Randy Schekman (2013), Prof. Marina Rodnina (2019), and most recently Prof. Dr. Patrick Cramer (2020). Since 2012, the information analytics company Elsevier and the scientific journal Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA) have been exclusive cooperation partners of the Otto Warburg Medal as well as sponsors of the award.

The awarding of the medal took place during the 73rd Mosbacher Kolloquium. Prof. Dimmeler received the medal personally.

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