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## **BEAt-DKD – IMI Lecture**

**Prof. Kai Simons MD, PhD**

**Tuesday Feb 12, 2019, 1:00 PM**

**Kursraum 22, Ebene 8 – Hörsaalzentrum, AKH/MUW**

**Title: Monitoring the blood lipidome for health and disease**

Kai Simons is Emeritus Director of the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics and CEO of Lipotype GmbH in Dresden, Germany. Kai Simons received his MD degree from the University of Helsinki. Simons then conducted postdoctoral research at Rockefeller University in New York. In 1967, he was Principal Investigator of the Finnish Medical Research Council at the University of Helsinki.

In 1975, he moved to the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg, Germany, where he started the Cell Biology Program, which became the focal point for molecular cell biology in Europe. In 2001 Kai Simons moved to Dresden to build up the new Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics.

His recent research has focused on cell membrane organization and function. He has pioneered the concept of lipid rafts as a membrane organizing principle, based on the phase-separating capabilities of sphingolipids and cholesterol in cell membranes. For his contributions to cell biology, Kai has received numerous accolades, including the Keith Porter Lecturer of the American Society for Cell Biology, a Harvey Society Lecturer, Dunham Lecturer at Harvard Medical School, and Li Lecturer, UC Berkeley.

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The event will be approved by the Austrian Medical Chamber with DFP-Points.

Looking forward seeing you then and best regards,

Rainer Oberbauer