

Professor Martin Silink AM, MB BS Hons 1 (USyd), MD (USyd), FRACP

Professor Martin Silink is President of the International Diabetes Federation 2006-2009. He is Chairman of the IDF Sponsor a Child with Diabetes programme (1999-). He is Professor of Paediatric Endocrinology at the University of Sydney and The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney, Australia.

In 2006 Professor Silink was Chairman of the IDF led 'Unite for Diabetes Campaign' which resulted in the landmark passage of a United Nations Resolution on Diabetes (UN Resolution 61/225). The Resolution recognises that diabetes poses a severe risk to families, Member States and the whole world, declares November 14th to be a UN observed World Diabetes Day starting 2007 and calls on all countries to develop national policies for the prevention, care and treatment of diabetes.

Professor Silink graduated MB BS with first class honours and the University medal from the University of Sydney in 1965. He gained Membership of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1968 and Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1974. He was awarded Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Sydney in 1974.

Professor Silink is a member of various professional societies including Australian Diabetes Society, American Diabetes Association, European Association for the Study of Diabetes, Endocrine Society of Australia, The Endocrine Society (USA), Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society (USA) and the International Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD).

Previous appointments include Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) (2000-2003), Chairman of the International Diabetes Federation's Consultative Section on Childhood & Adolescent Diabetes (1994-2003) and President of the International Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) (1999-2002). Professor Silink has travelled widely and has conducted leadership needs assessment workshops on childhood and adolescent diabetes in the Western Pacific Region, Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Region and South and Central America Region.

His CV includes over 100 peer reviewed articles, invited chapters and as editor of national guidelines on the management of childhood diabetes. He is on the Editorial Board of Pediatric Diabetes, Clinical Pediatric Endocrinology and the IDF Diabetes Atlas. He has been appointed to the International Advisory Committee of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) Center for Research & Treatment of Diabetes (CRTD).

His main research interests are diabetes complications in the young and the changing patterns of diabetes in childhood and adolescence. Professor Silink is Chairman of the IDF Western Pacific Childhood Diabcare 2001 and 2003 projects which are international collaborative audits of the health of children and adolescents with type 1 and type 2 diabetes attending 92 centres in the countries of the Western Pacific.

Professor Silink is married to Dr Margaret Silink (BA Hons 1, PhD), Inspector of Languages, Board of Studies NSW and has four children. He was awarded membership of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2002 for services to childhood diabetes.