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Professor Martin Silink is President of the International Diabetes Federation 200-2009. 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.

Professor Silink graduated MB BS with first class honours from the University of Sydney in 1965 and was awarded his Doctorate of Medicine in 1974. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

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

Previous appointments include President of the International Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) (1999-2002), 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).

He is on the Editorial Board of Pediatric Diabetes, Clinical Pediatric Endocrinology and the IDF Diabetes Atlas. His CV includes over 100 peer-reviewed articles, invited chapters and is editor of national guidelines on the management of childhood diabetes. His main research interests are diabetes complications in the young and the changing patterns of diabetes in childhood and adolescence.

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.