

Biography

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Valdis Zatlers

Personal data

Nationality: Latvian

Citizenship: Citizen of the Republic of Latvia

Date of Birth: 22 March, 1955

Education

1990 - 1991 6 months' professional training in orthopedics in Yale University and Syracuse University, USA

1973 - 1979 Specialty of physician, Riga Institute of Medicine

1962 - 1973 Riga Secondary School No. 50, Latvia

Language knowledge

Latvian

English

Russian

Work experience

08.07.2007 - 07.07.2011 President of Latvia

2004 - 08.07.2007 Board Chairman, State Limited Liability Company Hospital of Traumatology and Orthopaedics

1998 - 2004 Director, Board Chairman, non-profit organization State Limited Liability Company Hospital of Traumatology and Orthopaedics

1994 - 1998 Director, State Hospital of Traumatology and Orthopaedics

1995 - 1999 Co-ordinator from the Latvian side in a Swiss Confederation Assistance Project

1985 - 1994 Head of the Traumatology Department, Riga City Hospital No.2

1979 - 1985 Traumatologist - orthopaedist, Riga Hospital No.2

International professional activities

2004 - 2007 Lectures on knee joint endoprosthesis and bone tissue transplantation in Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Russia

2002 Participant of the international research on knee joint endoprosthesis

1993 - to date Member of the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine (ISACOS)

1992 Honorary member of the Georgian Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

International research reports

- 2006 Congress of the Hungarian Association of Orthopaedics Association
- 2002, 2004 Congress of the Orthopaedist Association of Central Europe
- 2004 25-year Experience Symposium of Zweimuller Endoprosthesis
- 2002 Congress of the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology on Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy
- 2001 Congress of the European Federation of the Associations of Orthopaedists
- 2001 Congress of the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery, and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine (ISAKOS)
- 2001 International Congress on Shoulder Surgery
- 1994 Arthroscopy Congress of Poland

Professional activities

- 2003 - 2008 President of the Latvian Association of Traumatologists and Orthopaedists
- 1994 - 1998 Vice President of the Latvian Association of Arthroscopy, Chairman of the Certification Commission
- 1990 - 1993 Founder and President of the Latvian Association of Arthroscopy

Public activities

- 1988 - 1989 Board Member of the Latvian Popular Front
- 1988 - 1989 Activist for the renewal of the Latvian Physicians Association, Board Member

State awards

- 2011 Order of the Star of Romania, With Chain (Romania)
- 2011 Order of Vytautas the Great, With the Golden Chain (Lithuania)
- 2010 Order of the White Rose, With Chain (Finland)
- 2009 Victory Order of St George (Georgia)
- 2009 Heydar Aliyev Order, With Chain (Azerbaijan)
- 2009 Ismoili Samoni Order, With Chain (Tajikistan)
- 2009 The Order and Chain of Isabel, the Catholic (Spain)
- 2009 The Order of the Cross of St Mary's Land (Estonia)
- 2008 The Knightly Order Pro Merito Melitensi of the Sovereign Military Hospital Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta
- 2008 The Order of Special Service to the Fatherland (Uzbekistan)
- 2008 The Order of Friendship, First Degree (Kazakhstan)
- 2008 The Grand Order of King Tomislav, First Grade, With the Ribbon and Great Star (Croatia)
- 2008 The Order of Yaroslav the Wise, First Grade (Ukraine)
- 2008 The Order of Three Stars, First Grade, With Chain (Latvia)
- 2008 The Order of Viesturs, First Grade (Latvia)
- 2008 The Cross of Recognition, First Grade (Latvia)

2007 Three-Star Order, fourth class

Awards

2010 A gold medal, "For Achievements," from the National Fire-Fighting and Rescue Service

2010 A medal from the Latvian Association of Reserve Officers in honour of the organisation's 10th anniversary

2009 A commemorative medallion in honour of the 90th anniversary of the Latvian Border Guard, Latvia

2009 A medal of achievement from the Baltic Defence College, Estonia

2008 A medal of honour from the local government of Miraflores in the city of Lima, Peru

1993 Prize from International Arthroscopy Association (IAA) for the largest contribution into the development of arthroscopy in emerging countries

Honorary Titles

2011 An Honorary doctorate from the University of Klaipeda (Lithuania)

2010 An Honorary doctorate from the Riga Stradiņš University (Latvia)

2009 An Honorary Doctorate from the John Paul II Lublin Catholic University (Poland)

2009 Honorary Membership in the University of Latvia (Latvia)

2009 Patronage of the European Academy of Science and Art (Austria)

2009 An Honorary Doctorate from the Yerevan State University (Armenia)

2008 An Honorary Professorship at the National Governance Academy (Kazakhstan)

Other important information

May - June, 1986 Medical Service Officer, Work on the Elimination of the Consequences of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant Catastrophe

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