

Beat Hintermann is, since April 2013, the Chairman of the Clinic for Orthopaedics and Traumatology at Kantonsspital Baselland (Switzerland) and Associate Professor at University of Basel. He qualified from Bern's University Medical School and underwent Specialist Orthopaedic training in Neuchatel, St. Gallen, Davos and Basel. After finishing his residency program, he completed a research fellowship in Biomechanics at University of Calgary/Canada (Benno Nigg, 1991-92) and two clinical travelling fellowships to Asia (JOSSM-KOSM-Travelling Fellowship of GOTS, 1994) and USA/United Kingdom (ASG Travelling Fellowship of SOC, 1997), respectively. He has been in charge of the Orthopaedic Trauma Unit at University Hospital of Basel since 1994, before becoming the Chair for Orthopaedic Surgery at the teaching hospital in Liestal in 2006. Since over 20 years, his main interest is the ankle and hindfoot. During his tenure, new and innovative techniques and procedures have been introduced such as ankle arthroscopy, correcting osteotomies and arthrodeses of the hindfoot complex and total ankle replacement. Beat Hintermann was the main conceper of the HINTEGRA ankle which is after 16 years of clinical use the best documented 3 component prosthesis on market. Beside of over 190 peer-reviewed articles in Orthopaedic surgery in particular relating to ankle arthroscopy, ankle instability, ankle osteoarthritis, total ankle replacement and foot and ankle trauma, he was the author of 5 medical textbooks related to reconstructive surgery of the ankle and hindfoot complex. He got several awards for his clinical and biomechanical research. Over the last decade, he has given tremendous efforts for teaching activities around the entire world and at its clinic as well, which was honoured by several national Foot and ankle societies and institutions. He is regularly a Faculty member at International Foot and Ankle meetings and organizer of practical instructional courses both in Switzerland and abroad.