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Professor Johan Herlitz is a cardiologist by training and defended his doctoral thesis on acute myocardial infarction and betablockers in 1982. Soon thereafter his research deviated into resuscitation science.

Professor Johan Herlitz has made extraordinary contributions to resuscitation science at a national as well as an international level with some 700 published papers in peer reviewed journals. He has been instrumental in developing the Swedish Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Registry, founded in 1991, and he initiated the Swedish In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Registry in 2005. Both registries have a coverage of >90 % and are used to highlight all aspects of cardiac arrest in Sweden. As a research and quality tool, both registries are used by researchers and hospital administrators, the scientific production is spectacular and ongoing.

Professor Johan Herlitz has been deeply involved in the EURECA project, supported by the ERC, and has been on the EURECA Board for the last 15 years. During several years in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Prof Herlitz was responsible for the ERC's scientific activities and affairs and thus involved in many joint ERC projects, educational programs and in producing guideline material. Prof Herlitz has given lectures at several ERC meetings over the years. In 2005, Prof Herlitz was the first chairman of the Swedish Resuscitation Council, which he also was the co-founder of.

Professor Johan Herlitz is a professor of Cardiology at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Göteborg. In parallel, he received the first Professorship in prehospital emergency care in Sweden at the University College Borås (2004), and a Professorship in prehospital emergency care in Western Sweden (2011). He has also received the highly esteemed national Swedish Prehospital Award in 2019.

In addition to being a highly skilled and valued clinician and researcher, Professor Johan Herlitz is known for his personal qualities and good spirits, thereby contributing to the ERC's general goals.

For the Swedish Resuscitation Council,
Hans Friberg