
Professor K. Srinath Reddy, President World Heart Federation



Professor K. Srinath Reddy began his two-year term as president of the World Heart Federation (WHF) in January 2013. The Federation is dedicated to leading the global fight against heart disease and stroke with a focus on low- and middle-income countries via a united community of more than 200 member organisations.

Prof. Reddy has been involved with the WHF since 2003, and has been a board member since 2007. He held the post of Chairman, Foundations' Advisory Board (2007-2010) and Chairman, Scientific and Policy Initiatives Committee (2011-2012). He is also a Consultant to the WHO and the World Bank.

Reddy is presently President of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and former head of the Department of Cardiology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

A trained cardiologist and epidemiologist, Dr. Reddy is regarded as a global leader in preventive cardiology and a thought leader in global public health. He has been a researcher, teacher, policy enabler, advocate and activist who has worked to promote cardiovascular health, tobacco control, chronic disease prevention and healthy living across the lifespan.

Dr. Reddy has served on expert panels, steering committees and the boards of many national and international health organisations, including the WHO and the United Nations. He was appointed as the First Bernard Lown Visiting Professor of Cardiovascular Health at the Harvard School of Public Health in 2009. He is also an Adjunct Professor of the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University and Honorary Professor of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Prof. Reddy's contributions to public health have been recognised through numerous awards and accolades including the WHO Director General's Award for outstanding contributions to global tobacco control (2003) and the Luther Terry Medal of the American Cancer Society for outstanding leadership in global tobacco control (2009). He has also won literary awards including the ECAAR Global Peace Essay contest (adjudged by 11 Nobel Laureates in 1992) and the Times of India Essay Contest on Human Rights.

Prof. Reddy has sat on the editorial board of many international and national journals. He has published hundreds of journal articles, books and monographs.

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