

# RENE FRANZEN

Ph.D. (Medical Science) Physicist

Curriculum Vitae



### **Positions**

10/2021 - present

Scientific Director AALZ GmbH (Aachen Dental Laser Center), Germany

Postgraduate Teaching, Research, Curricular Development, e-Learning & Online Teaching, Digitizing of Advanced Training Programs, Quality Management

7/2011 - 10/2021

Head of Preclinical Research and Education at AALZ GmbH (Aachen Dental Laser Center), Germany

Postgraduate Teaching, Research, Curricular Development, e-Learning & Online Teaching, Digitizing of Advanced Training Programs, Quality Management

7/2011 - present

Visiting scientist at the University Hospital of the RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Postgraduate Teaching, Research, Supervision and Co-Supervision of Master Theses and Ph.D. theses

3/2001 - 6/2011

Physicist at the University Hospital of the RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Research (Lasers in Dental Applications), Laser Development, Curricular Development, Laser Safety

4/2000 - 2/2001

Physicist at the Institute for Laser Medicine, Düsseldorf University, Germany

Research (Lasers in Medical Applications), Optical Technologies

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Place of birth Erkelenz, Germany

Nationality German



92 scientific publications



41 conference talks



Hirsch-Index: 23



### Academia & Degrees

5/2017 Venia Legendi

The "Venia legendi", or the German "Priv.-Doz," degree, is considered equivalent to an Associate Professorship. Sometimes it is also referred to a "2nd Ph.D." degree. My field is Experimental Operative Dentistry, at the Medical Faculty of RWTH Aachen University, Germany

6/2008 Nominee for the Faculty Prize of

Outstanding Young Lecturers
German Society for Medical Education

12/2004 Nominee for the State Prize 2005 for

**Science** 

Ministry of Science, Nordrhine-Westphalia,

Germany

10/2004 Award: Faculty Prize for Outstanding

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Thesis

RWTH Aachen University, Medical Faculty

5/2003 **Doctorate in Theoretical Medicine** 

The German "**Dr. rer. medic.**" degree is commonly considered an Ph.D. degree. (Magna cum laude)

10/2004 Certified as Expert for Laser Safety,

**Problem-Based Learning, and Project** 

Management

Various RWTH Aachen University certifications

3/2000 Physicist

The German "Diplom-Physiker" is commonly considered an master's degree (5 year curriculum plus 1 year research thesis)

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#### Interests

Virtual reality, hiking, geo-caching, artificial intelligence, young timers

#### Languages

German, English, French (B2-), Dutch (basic)



### **Strengths**

#### Overall

### Rapid perception of complex structures and facts

Examples of my work:

- Explaining complex topics such as laser-tissue interactions and laser technology to dentists with no prior experience
- Reviewer of scientific articles for several peer-reviewed journals

### Optimization processes, special interest in artificial intelligence

Examples of my work: development "from scratch" without preexisting software of a genetic algorithm to solve a complex engineering problem for a biotech company

## Fast learner in foreign (non-physics, non-medical) fields of knowledge

Examples of my work:

- Founding a company, restructuring an old dental office into a new education center
- Conception, construction, installation and administration of content management systems

#### Quality

#### **Quality management**

Examples of my work: development, installation and administration of an e-Learning based quality management solution

#### Structured working and planning

Examples of my work:

- Development of a University-grade qualification curriculum for dental students.
- Involved in accreditation procedures in Germany and U.A.E. (with Ministry of Higher Education, Abu Dhabi).

#### Digitization

#### Modernizing business and education

- Administration of the e-Learning platform ILIAS for a postgraduate degree program of the RWTH Aachen University, Germany, in the postgraduate field.
- Organizing and planning of online lectures (*Zoom* platform) and live streams to social media

#### Social

#### High social skills

Examples of my work: conflict mediator for RWTH Aachen University students

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#### **Skills & Competences**

Future focused

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Goal oriented				
Micromanaging				
Resiliency				
Critical thinking				
Communication				$\supset$
Leadership				
Time management				

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### **Boards & Memberships**

since 5/2015 Scientific Advisory Board of the German Society for Laser Dentistry ("DGL")

since 7/2014 Executive Board of the European Division

of the World Federation for Laser

Dentistry ("WFLD")

since 1/2005 Member of the German Society of Dental

Oral and Craniomandibular Sciences

("DGZMK")

since 5/2001 Member of the German Society for Laser

Dentistry ("DGL")

since 5/2001 Member of the World Federation for

Laser Dentistry ("WFLD")

since 2/2022 Member of the International Society for

Laser Dentistry ("ISLD")

4/2000 - 2010 Member of the German Physics Society

("DPG")

since 2021 Editorial Board of journal "Biomedicines"

(IF 6.081)

since 2016 Editorial Board of journal "Lasers in

**Dental Science**"