

Dr. **Trinad Chakraborty** is a professor of Medical Microbiology and since 1998, he has been the Director of the Institute for Medical Microbiology, Justus-Liebig-University, Faculty of Medicine, in Giessen, Germany. He is also the co-ordinator of the Giessen-Marburg-Langen Institute of the German Center for Infection Research.

Professor Chakraborty was born in 1951. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University College, London in 1974, and he did his postgraduate studies at the Free University of Berlin, Germany. In the subsequent few years, he had been a postdoctoral fellow at the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, Berlin and the Department of Microbiology, Julius-Maximilians-University, Würzburg. He habilitated at this latter institute in 1990.

After being a Heisenberg Scholar of the German Scientific Research Foundation, GBF, Braunschweig, he was appointed a full professor at the Department of Infection and Immunity, Justus-Liebig-University, Faculty of Medicine, Giessen in 1992. Six years later he became the Director of the Institute of Medical Microbiology at the same university. He had been for several years also the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. The university had significant scientific and infrastructural progress under his leadership.

Trinad Chakraborty is an internationally well recognised personality of medical microbiological research. He has 213 publications registered in Pubmed, with a total number of citations of 21 000. He has produced significant results in the field of virulence and pathomechanism of *Listeria monocytogenes*. He published more than 90 papers just in this topic. However, he and his team is also working in other areas of infectious diseases, such as host-pathogen interactions, medicine and vaccine development, clinical trials, epidemiological studies, sequence analysis and metagenomic examinations. They are exploring the molecular basis of bacterial antibiotic resistance. They were among the first identifying and characterising colistin-resistant enteral bacteria in Europe. His laboratory has a large, well characterised strain collection. Beside these basic scientific research studies, he has also been involved in microbiological diagnostic developments.

Professor Chackraborty has been the tutor of numerous microbiologists, many of whom are already internationally well known scientists. Even currently he is the mentor of several graduate, undergraduate students and research fellows.

The Hungarian microbiologists might also know him well, as he has been involved in several joint research programmes, for example he is currently an active participant of a Hungarian research project on bovine *Escherichia coli* isolates and their bacteriophages, together with István Tóth. There are several common publications in highly ranked journals. Professor Chakraborty was an invited speaker at the „Infect ERA” meeting in Budapest, in 2015.