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Dr. Joachim Breuer studied law at the Universities of Bonn and Berlin, Germany. He obtained his degree in 1984 and became a doctor of law in 1985.

After working for the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for five years, he joined the Federation of German Accident Insurance Institutions (HVBG) in St. Augustin, Germany.

In 1995 he became Director General of the accident insurance and prevention institution for the German mining industry.

In 2002, Dr. Breuer returned to HVBG (now DGUV)*, the umbrella organization of all German accident insurance funds in the industrial sector, this time as Director General. Besides his occupation Dr. Breuer holds a leading position in several other German institutions and organisations. Amongst others he is chairman of the ZNS – Hannelore-Kohl-Foundation and the GVG (Gesellschaft für Versicherungswesen und Gestaltung). In 2014 he was decorated with the Federal Cross of Merit for his honorary commitment.

From 1995 – 2005 he was managing director of two renowned emergency hospitals in Bochum and Halle/Saale, Germany.

Since 2011 Dr. Breuer is CEO of the Rehabilitation International Ltd., Berlin. This organisation takes charge of the transnational medical care of accident patients. In 2014 he was appointed to the board of directors of the Medical Park plc.

His international affiliations, most notably, are

- Member of the Bureau of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), Switzerland
- Chairman of the ISSA Technical Commission on Accident Insurance, Switzerland
- Vice President of Rehabilitation International (RI), USA
- Founder and president of the “Club of Genève - Global Social Future”, Switzerland
- Co-chair of the International Disability Management Standards Council (IDMSC), Canada
- Member of the Bureau of the European Forum for Accident Insurances (FORUM)
- Board member of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Corporations (IAIABC), USA
- Board member of the Pacific Coast University (PCU), Canada

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Dr. Breuer is often consulted as an expert in social security by governments in Europe and abroad. He has published various articles on social law and accident insurance matters. He is a frequent speaker in international panels and conferences on matters of work safety, prevention rehabilitation and accident insurance issues.

* DGUV is the umbrella organization of all German statutory accident insurance and prevention institutions in the private and public sector.

The member institutions of DGUV insure more than 70 million people. They are responsible for work safety, medical as well as social and occupational rehabilitation and financial compensation of victims of occupational accidents and diseases. DGUV also comprises of several research centres for work safety and occupational medicine, training centres and 11 specialized clinics for accidents and occupational diseases.

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