

Dr. Stefan Zimmer

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Dr. Stefan Zimmer is an expert in the hearing sector, focusing on hearing healthcare, hearing technology and hearing loss prevention.

Biography

As Secretary General of EHIMA, Stefan is an internationally respected speaker and consultant on hearing, health and social security related matters. Stefan is the Secretary General of EHIMA, the European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers? Association, comprising the world?s leading manufacturers of hearing instruments with a global market share of over 90%. Driving innovation in hearing technology, EHIMA closely collaborates with global partners like the Bluetooth Special Interest Group to develop and disseminate life changing technology for people with hearing loss. As Vice Chairman of hear-it.org, the world?s biggest multilingual online-resource on hearing, Stefan drives the industry's global awareness raising and patient information campaigns. He is constantly expanding EHIMA?s multi-country surveys on hearing loss, hearing health and consumer experiences with hearing instruments (Trak-Surveys), the results of which can be found on www.ehima.com. Representing the international hearing industry in the World Hearing Forum, Stefan closely collaborates with the WHO and other international governmental and non-governmental organizations. Stefan is also Chairman of the Board of the German Hearing Industry Association (www.bvhi.org) and Vice President of the German Brain Injury Foundation (www.hannelore-kohl-stiftung.de). Stefan studied economics, political science and sociology in Munich/Germany and at the University of Texas at Austin/USA. He holds a doctorate degree in political science from the University of the German Federal Armed Forces. He served in the German Air Force for eight years as a commissioned officer, before working as head of international relations in the German social security scheme and as an international advisor for social security reforms. He entered the hearing industry in 2015 following a three-year term as CEO of a Chamber of Commerce for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Areas of Expertise

Hearing Instrument Manufacturing, Hearing Implant Solutions, International Relations, Health Policy, Hearing Aids, Hearing Loss

Affiliations

World Hearing Forum, World Health Organization, International Social Security Association

Education

Bundeswehr University Munich
Ph.D. Philosophy

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