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Since 1995, he has been an active participant in standardization for multimedia with many successful submissions to ITU-T and ISO/IEC. Since 2018, he has been appointed the chair of the ITU/WHO Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence for Health. For his research, he received numerous research and innovation awards and various best paper awards for his publications. Thomson Reuters named him in their list of “The World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds” as one of the most cited researchers in his field. He has been elected to the German National Academy of Engineering (Acatech) and the National Academy of Science (Leopoldina).