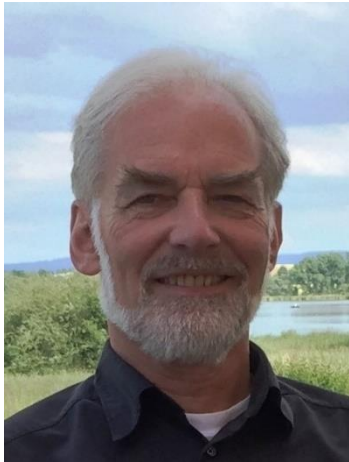


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Otto Rienhoff is Professor of Medical Informatics chairing the Medical Informatics Division of Göttingen University with about 50 staff. He received a Medical Doctorate degree from the University of Münster Medical School in 1973.

Dr. Rienhoff served as President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Informatik, Biometrie und Epidemiologie (GMDS) e.V. (German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology) from 1993 to 1995. He served as President of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) from 1995 to 1998 and was Chair of the Coordination Committee for IT Solutions of Medical Research Networks (TMF) of the Federal Ministry of Research from 2000 to 2004. He built up and chaired the National Council for Information Infrastructures in Research from 2013 to 2016.

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