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Dr. Schotten studied medicine at the Universities of Aachen, Glasgow and Valetta. He graduated from Aachen University in 1995 where he defended his thesis "Effects of volatile anesthetics on β-adrenergic signaling in rat myocardium" in 1996. After having followed an internship at the Dept. of Cardiology for 3 years in Aachen he joined the Dept. of Physiology at Maastricht University in 1998, first as a scholar of the Academy of Sciences North Rhine Westfalia and from 1999 on as a staff member of the Dept. of Physiology. He became Assistant Professor of Physiology in 2002 and defended his thesis "Mechanisms of Atrial Paralysis in Atrial Fibrillation" at Maastricht University in 2003. Since his Habilitation in Experimental Cardiology in 2004 (title: "Adaptive mechanisms of excitation-contraction coupling in the heart") he is also member of the Faculty of Medicine at Aachen University. Dr. Schotten coordinates studies on electrical contractile and structural remodeling in heart failure and atrial fibrillation. Main research topics are: Adaptation processes of excitation-contraction coupling in ventricular and atrial myocardium, development of antiarrhythmic drugs, regulation of ion channel activity by intracellular signalling pathways and local microdomains, substrates for the perpetuation of atrial fibrillation.