

Thomas Wildey Institute Research Institute for Holistic Therapy of Chronic Diseases

Founded on August 23, 1977 by ten friends in Munich.

It was Dr. Karl Daxl, who ran a medical practice on Ismaninger Strasse in Munich and devoted himself primarily to research into the holistic therapy of chronic diseases. Because of his successes with this, patients came to him from Germany and abroad. His goal was to serve health through his research, which is why he convinced his friends to found the TWI Institute.

Objectives: In his introduction to the founding, Dr. Daxl made professional statements about the work of the planned institute, about the form of therapy he had been testing for more than twenty years, and about the need for research into the successes achieved. With the foundation of the "Research Institute for Holistic Therapy of Chronic Diseases", in addition to research in the field of chronic diseases, the communication of knowledge of a holistic therapy for the benefit of sick people and implementation of measures for the health education of people - thus serving overall charitable purposes.

Purpose of the Institute should be to promote research and therapy in the field of chronic diseases. In addition, knowledge of a holistic therapy for the benefit of the sick people should be conveyed. Through lectures, ways to reduce the cost of treatment from a medical point of view should be demonstrated.

These goals are to be achieved through

- Research work in the Institute with the participation of medical specialists, nutritionists and medical bodies
- Cooperation with health authorities, health insurance companies and nutritionists
- Cooperation with other research institutes and health care bodies in Germany and abroad Dissemination of research results through health care bodies, lecture series and educational events Issuance of publications

How did the name "Thomas Wildey-Institut" come about?

The name of a man was chosen whose work for the spreading of true humanity led to the foundation of the worldwide order of Odd Fellows on April 26, 1819: Thomas Wildey.

Here it is to be added that the Odd Fellows in the USA and in Scandinavia form a strong community within their countries. Several U.S. presidents and notable U.S. personalities have belonged to the Odd Fellows. Even today, medical research institutions in the USA are financially supported by the Odd Fellows.

Subsequent work

The TWI Institute has started its activities under the direction of Dr. Karl Daxl from the first day of its existence,

Through his work in the field of holistic therapy, Dr. Karl Daxl was contacted by colleagues from Germany and abroad and many patients who were at a loss in their disease situation sought advice and help from him.

The media also became aware of his work. The then Munich television journalist Dieter Hanitzsch made a report in the program Panorama of the ARD and also held a much-noticed lecture in the "Munich Bavaria Lodge" on the work of Dr. Daxl.

Contacts were also established with the Health Committee of the German Bundestag in Bonn and there was interest in the work of the TWI Institute. Dr. Daxl also had the best contacts to Unlversitäten at home and abroad.

Dr. Daxl devoted himself fully to his work and hardly allowed himself any free time. He wanted to put his studies on paper, but he never got around to it. Research was his life! In November 1983, at the age of 50, he died suddenly and unexpectedly.

Difficult years for the TWI Institute

After the death of Dr. Karl Daxl, a difficult situation arose. His colleague, Dr. Werner Triest, who had learned about neural therapy through Dr. Daxl, had started his own practice in Munich. It was a hard time for him, because as a refugee from the GDR he was faced with a new start without any means and had to take care of building up a new existence.

Dr. Daxl's practice in Ismaninger Straße was taken over after his death by Dr. Peter Schleicher, who did not know Dr. Daxl personally and first had to familiarize himself with the subject. Therefore, he could not be additionally burdened with the work of the TWI Institute. A few years later, Dr. Schleicher took over the chairmanship of the TWI Institute at short notice. Because of his obligations in practice, it was not possible for him to lead the TWI Institute in the long term.

So the responsibility iag in the hands of the co-founders of the TWI Institute Walter Richter and Josef Döllner.

In the following period, the TWI Institute moved away from its original objective, changed several times, depending on the collaborating doctors, the orientation according to their specialties. The successes achieved in the process can be found in the annual reports.

In 2017, Hermann Pönisch, who had been a member of the board for many years until 2011, was asked to return the institute to the original goals of his spiritual father, Dr. Karl Daxl. The idea of a holistic view of the patient has now also found its way into orthodox medicine. More and more doctors are using complementary medical therapies. Currently, the TWI Institute supports several projects that work on this basis.