

Christian Geppert

Christian Geppert graduated in physics from University of Bremen in 2005. After joining Siemens he worked in oncology predevelopment and most recently in PET/MR. Since January 2017 he succeeds Edgar Müller as the head of the MR Cardiovascular Predevelopment Team.

“I have the pleasure of taking over a team of four scientists in Erlangen with many years of experience and renown in the field. I am also in charge of coordinating our global predevelopment projects together with my colleagues in the respective countries. After several years in collaborations – in New York – and in marketing, I am excited to return to the predevelopment field, where I started my career within Siemens.”



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How did you first come in contact with MRI?

I started to work in MR back in 2000 during my diploma thesis on spectroscopic imaging and my fascination for MR has never stopped. I remember my first ISMRM 2001 in Glasgow, seeing movies of the beating heart for the first time – I was blown away.

What is most fascinating about MRI?

When my son was in Kindergarten he told his friends that his dad had a machine at work that could see inside the human body – but his friends thought this was impossible.

What I have always loved about my jobs in Siemens is that I have continuously been working with our partners – outstanding researchers as well as leading radiologists – and that I have been involved in identifying innovations, helping them gain maturity and finally clinical acceptance. Even when you have been working in the field of MRI for a while – when you see an exciting new technique come to light for the first time, this is always a great moment.

What do you think are the most important developments in MRI and in Healthcare?

For MRI in general, acceleration and robustness as realized in Compressed Sensing and motion insensitive scanning. For Healthcare in general, I think it is the (slow) rise of evidence-based medicine.

What would you do, if you could do for one month whatever you wanted?

To actually work in a clinical environment for an extended amount of time is something that is extremely helpful. While I had the pleasure to do this at times, given the vast range of partners that we have, you can never have sufficient knowledge about the real life usage of our products. It can be truly eye opening. Outside of work, I would love to spend a month to focus on making music (electronics, guitar), which is something that I usually don't find the time for.