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Dr. Sommer is an inaugural Johns Hopkins University Gilman Scholar, a Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Service Professor, and Dean Emeritus of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is a Professor of Epidemiology and International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Professor of Ophthalmology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He served as Dean of the Bloomberg School from 1990-2005.

Sommer received his MD from Harvard Medical School (1967) and his Master of Health Science in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins

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Sommer's research interests include outcomes assessment; blindness prevention strategies; child survival; and the growing interface between medicine and public health.

Sommer has published 6 books and over 300 scientific articles and has chaired scientific and advisory committees of the National Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, World Economic Forum, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

He has received numerous awards, including the *Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Research*; the *Pollin Prize for Pediatric Research*; The Laureate Award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology; the *Helmut Horten Medical Research Award*; the *Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Achievements in Health*; the *Prince Mahidol Award* (from His Majesty the King of Thailand); the *Dan David Award* (Tel Aviv University); the *Warren Alpert Foundation Prize*; the *Joseph E. Smadel Award* of the Infectious Diseases Society of America; the *Danone International Prize for Nutrition*; the *Lucien Howe Medal* of the American Ophthalmological Society; the *Thomas Francis Medal* of the University of Michigan; and the *Duke Elder International Gold Medal for Contributions to Ophthalmology*.

He has delivered over 70 named lectureships, including the Jackson Memorial Lecture (American Academy of Ophthalmology), Duke Elder Oration (Royal College of Ophthalmologists), De Schweinitz Lecture (College of Physicians, Philadelphia), Dohlgan Professor Lecture (Harvard Medical School), Doyne Lecture (Oxford Ophthalmologic Congress), and the Kimura Lecture (University of California, San Francisco), among others.

Sommer is a member of both the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine, is Past President of the Association of Schools of Public Health, is past Chair of the Board of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, and holds the 19th Chair of the Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis.