

Biography of Martin Vosseler, M.D.:

It's his medical responsibility that motivates Martin Vosseler to be involved for the environment and for climate protection. In the United States, we would say that

Dr. Vosseler is an environmental activist as a physician motivated by his deep commitment to the health and well being of people everywhere.

Born in Basel on 4th of October 1948, youngest child of Paul Vosseler, geographer, Maria Vosseler-Zwicky, nurse. Brother Beat (1947), half brother Paul (1929), half sister Rosmarie Frey-Vosseler (1923).

Schools in Basel

Primary School (1955 – 1959; Humanistisches Gymnasium)
(1959 – 1967, bachelors degree in Greek and Latin 1967)

Medical School in Basel

(1967 – 1974), final examination 1974, M.D.1976 Intern and Resident at the Kantonsspital Basel (1974 – 1979). Reserach Fellow at the Division of Primary

Care and Family Medicine of Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA., USA
(1980 – 1982) National Board of Internal Medicine (1980),

US Visa Qualifying Exam(1979).

Medical Practice (Internal and Psychosomatic Medicine) in Basel (1982 – 1995).

Initiator and Co-Founder of

- PSR/IPPNW Switzerland (1981, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Swiss chapter of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Peace Nobel Price 1985): www.ippnw.ch; www.ippnw.org
- Physicians Action „Air is Life“ (1985): www.aefu.ch
- SUNswitzerland (1997)
- International Energy Forum sun21 (1997): www.sun21.ch
- Co-Founder of Oekostadt Basel (1986)
- Co-Founder Transatlantic21, crew member (2006) : First Atlantic crossing, exclusively with solar energy, Guinness Book Record 2007,

www.transatlantic21.org

Activities together with the environmental activist Bruno Manser (e.g. Fast for an import stop of tropical wood in Switzerland, Berne 1993).

Director and Co-Director of sun21 (1997 – 2004)

Action for the preservation of a nature area at the Swiss-German border near Basel (Zollfreistrasse, 2004 – 2006).

Hobbies: Acting, drawing, violin.

Long distance walks:

- 1994 Elm/GL – Meride/TI
- 1995 Elm/GL – Neuchâtel
- 1999 Konstanz, Germany – Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- 2003 Basel – Bethlehem, motto: There is enough sun for all of us.
- 2008 SunWalk Los Angeles, CA — Washington, D. C.— N. Y. C. — Boston, MA
- 2009 SunTrail around Switzerland and crisscrossing Switzerland

Awards:

- 2004 Prize for ecological courage (Ökogemeinde Binningen, Ökostadt Basel)
- 2007 Swiss Solar Prize
- 2007 European Solar Prize
- Honorary Member PSR/IPPNW Switzerland

Lives in Elm/GL and Basel, Switzerland.