

Peter Heutink

Professor Peter Heutink is a Dutch molecular biologist and geneticist. He was the Speaker of the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) in Tübingen and has held several prominent positions, including director of the Institute for Clinical and Experimental Neurosciences at VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam. Most recently he has served as the CSO of Alector, and remains a member of its Scientific Advisory Board. He also is involved with the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease and has experience with several venture capital firms in the biotechnology field.

Heutink's research focuses on the genetic underpinnings of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Parkinson's disease and frontotemporal dementia. He has led teams that identified mutations in several genes associated with these conditions, including DJ-1 for Parkinson's disease and MAPT for frontotemporal dementia. His work has significantly contributed to genome-wide association studies (GWAS) and the understanding of genetic risk factors for various neurodegenerative and psychiatric disorders.

Peter Heutink was also a core member of the FANTOM project, which aims to improve the functional annotation of the human genome.