

Dr Karine Sargsyan, Chief Operating Officer, Biobank Graz, **Medical University of Graz**

Karine Sargsyan, MD, PhD, pediatrician and psychologist, is a native Armenian. She joined the Medical University Graz, Austria (MUG) in 2005 within the scope of an international cooperation project after several years in Children's Republican Hospital in Yerevan, Armenia where she led the Metabolism, Nutrition and Medical Dietetics department. She worked on and conducted several projects in health sector with the Ministry of Health and non-governmental organizations. Since coming to MUG, she has served on the Paediatric Department for a year and has succeeded collaborative grant proposals to fund research in hospital and central laboratory. She is currently the COO of Biobank Graz and responsible for numerous scientific - research and re-training co-operative projects. She is also the Scientific Director of multiregional Competence Project "Biomarkers for Personalized Medicine in Common Metabolic Disorders", which consolidates more than 15 industrial and 5 academic partners under its roof. Together with her team, since 2008 she developed the Biobank Graz, the biggest one in Europe, as an interdisciplinary certified institution. At both Armenia and Austria, she has served in many managerial positions. Her management skills have been recognized with an Academic Management Award for Biobank Graz at 2009 and her scientific skills with several awards for innovation. Her professional career outside of academia includes Nestle Nutrition as well as consulting and coaching activities for leading biotech industry. An important aspect of her life is her family - her husband and daughter. Fundraising: over 25 Mio, Fund administration over 100 Mio