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She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Society of Medical Decision Making (SMDM), Director of the Austrian Regional ISPOR Chapter, a member of the ISPOR-SMDM Modeling Good Research Practices Task Force, a scientific review co-chair of the European conference of the SMDM 2018 and a member of the SMDM Education Committee and the Nominations Committee.

She held pre-conference workshops on decision analysis, modelling and discrete event simulation at meetings of the Society for Medical Decision Making in Europe, North America and Asia. She has been teaching in the summer school on decision analysis at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She received the Award for the Best Short Course for the course on Discrete Event Simulation at SMDM in June 2012, Oslo.