

Building a career in another country & city

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Profile

Karen Sliwa: cardiology from the heart of South Africa



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Leaders in Cardiovascular Medicine

Dr Karen Sliwa: ‘Out of Africa’ from Germany via Japan, to become a leader of cardiac diseases in Africa

Personal experiences of émigré cardiologist: Karen Sliwa, MD, PhD, FESC, FACC

Working abroad: Professor Karen Sliwa discusses living and working in different environments

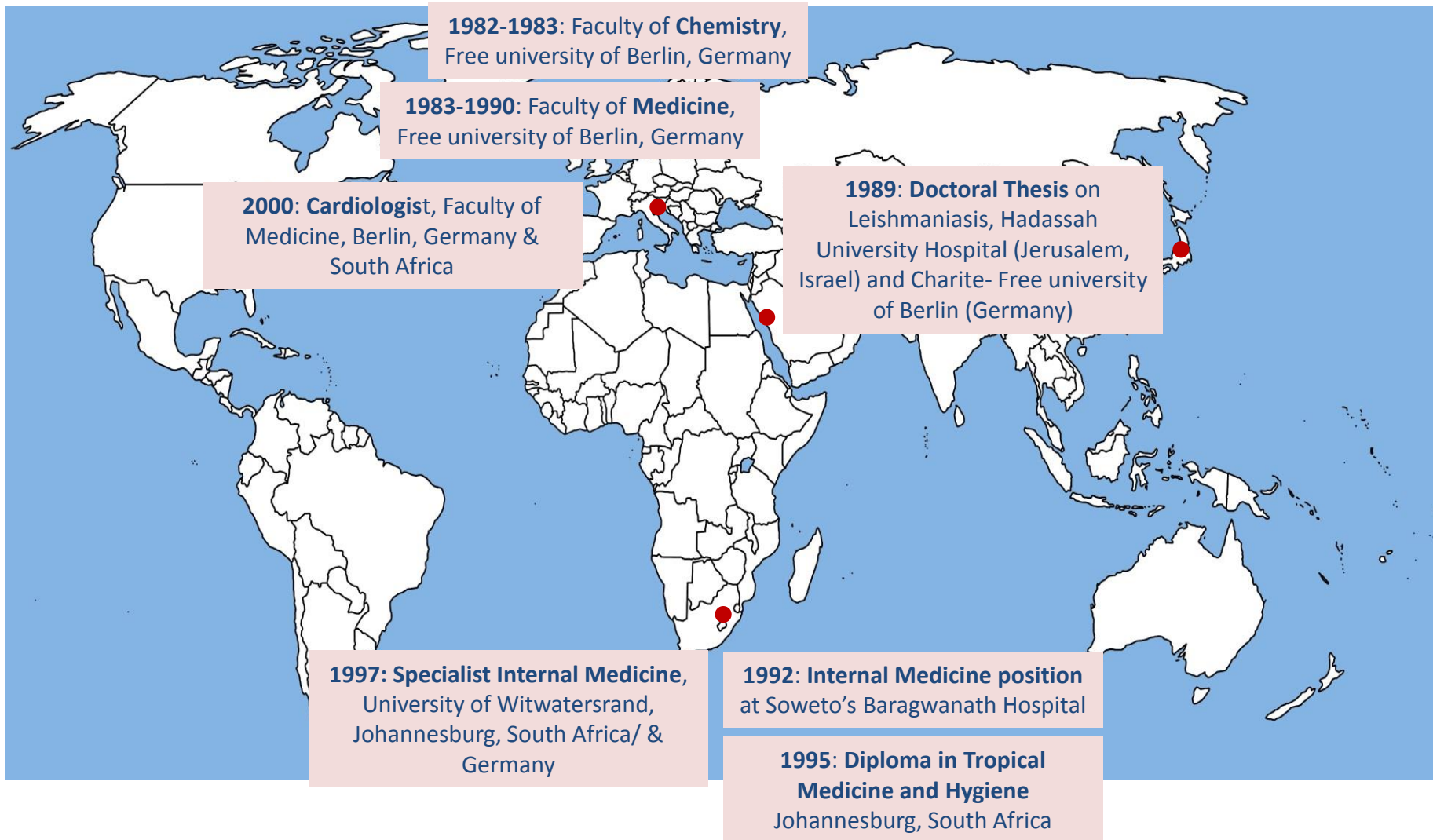
From Germany to Japan, return to Germany, then Israel and Scotland, Karen talks about different working environments with the voice of experience from her present position as Director of the Hatter Institute for Cardiovascular Research in Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

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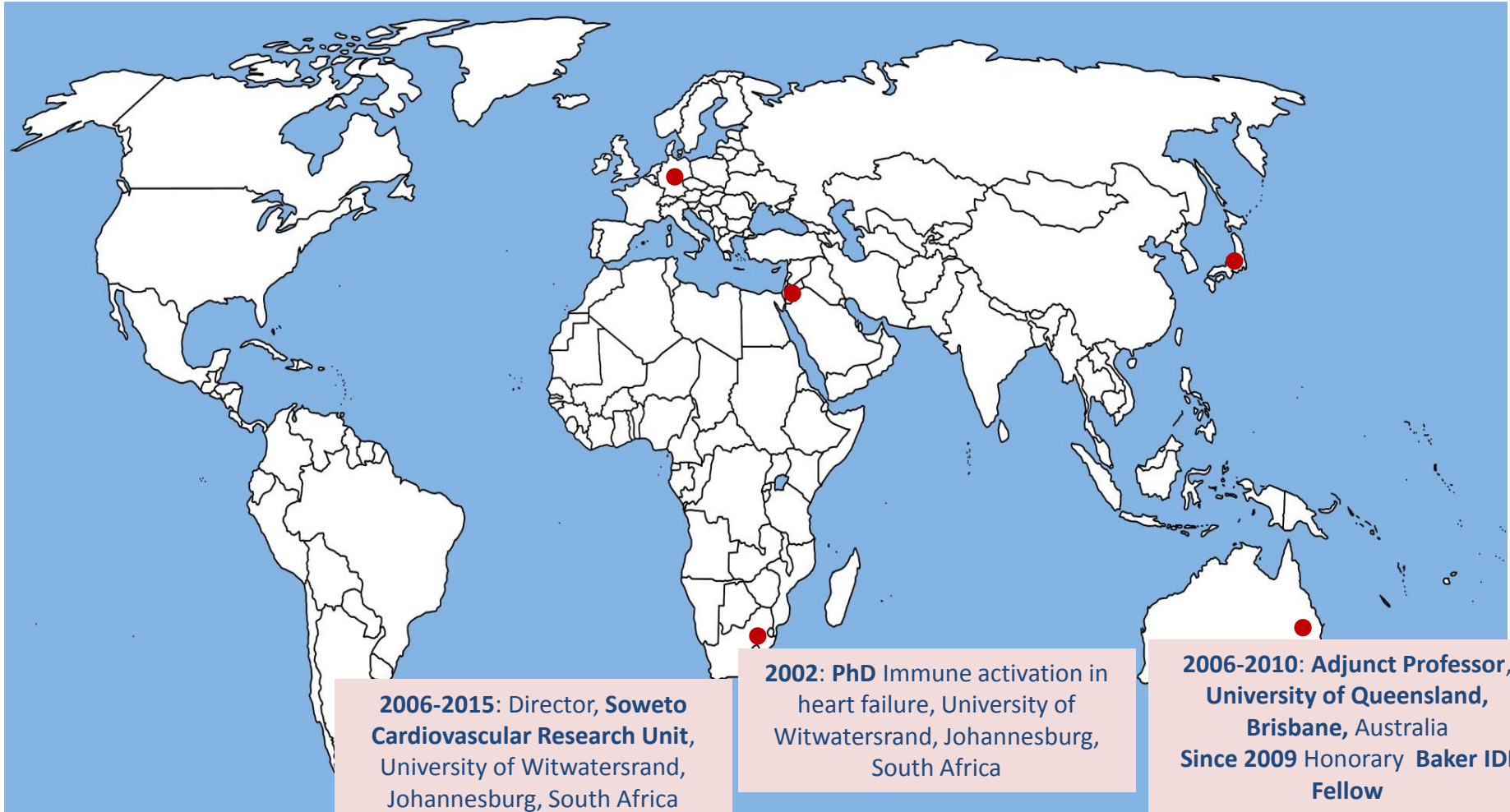
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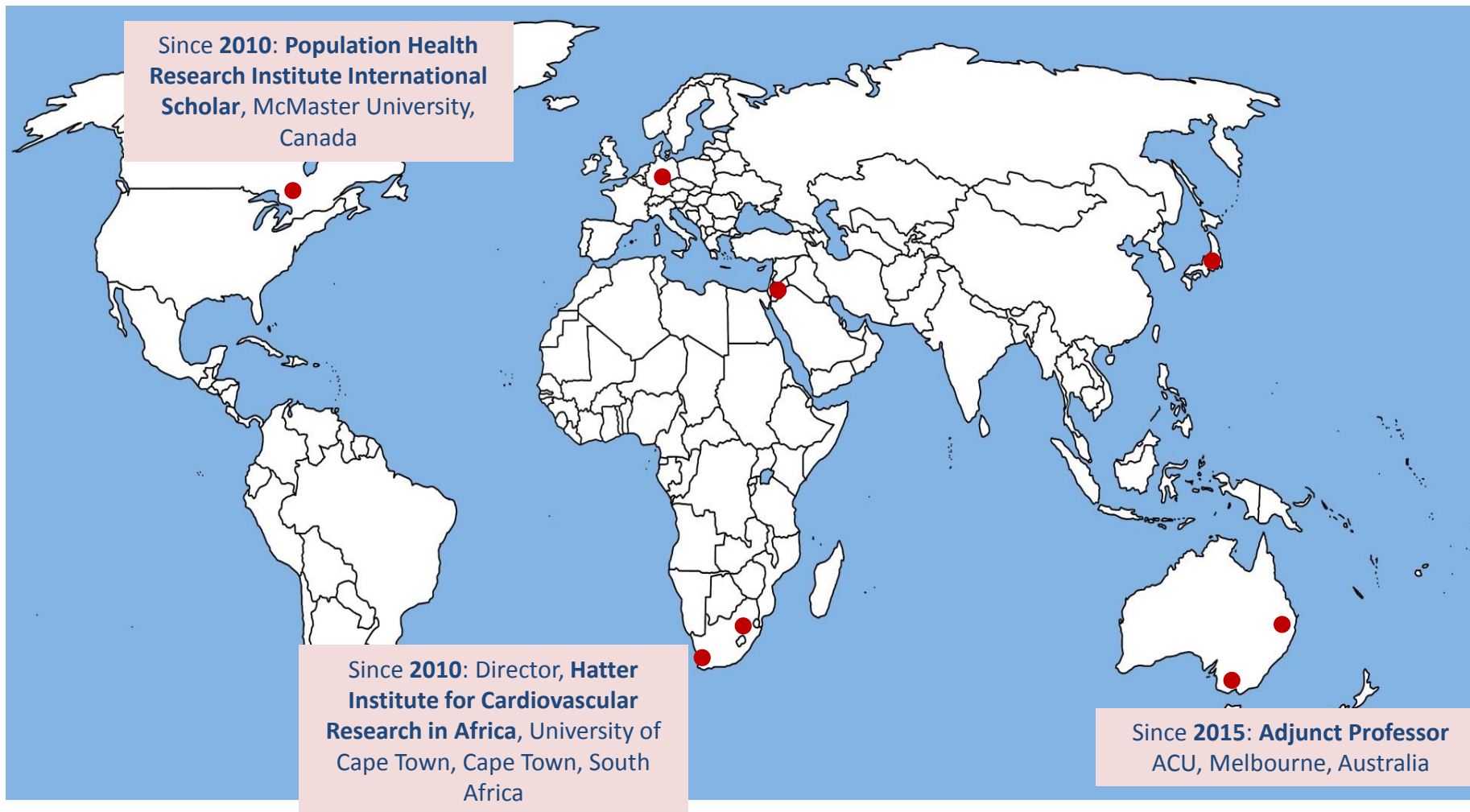
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Contributions to Societies and public Engagement

- This global experience has taught me valuable lessons; in that each country and region has its strengths, weaknesses and that there are lessons to be learned from each other, irrespective of the level of health development.
- I am extremely passionate to learn from my colleagues around the globe and to visit them in their working environment.
- I worked with many larger teams in various roles: European Cardiac Society (e.g. global affairs committee), Pan African Society (board member, treasurer, Vice-president South), South African Heart Association (president), Working Group: Future of Academic Medicine (The Lancet, UK), Chair: Working Group on PPCM/EORP & ESC; Global Burden of Disease Group (since 2009) amongst others

Not to forget: It is fun!