

Martin Vosseler (Doctor and Environmentalist)

Martin Vosseler is a medical doctor and environmental leader. In 1995, Vosseler closed his medical practice believing he could accomplish more from a medical and societal perspective by dedicating his time to the advancement of a variety of environmental and climate protection efforts. In 1981, Vosseler co-founded Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Swiss Chapter of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. In 1985, Vosseler led the Physicians Action «Air is Life» campaign – getting more than 3,000 Swiss doctors to sign a petition calling for a reduction of air pollution to levels below that of 1960. In 1992, he helped launch SUNswitzerland, a foundation that promotes the energy autonomy of Switzerland based on renewable energy and energy efficiency. From 1997 to 2004, Vosseler served as the Director and Co-Director of sun21, the annual international energy efficiency forum. He also played an integral role in the creation of Transatlantic21 Association, the association underwriting the transatlantic journey of «sun21» the solar boat.

Vosseler graduated from medical school in Basel, Switzerland in 1976. He did his residency at the Kantonsspital Basel and was a Research Fellow at the Division of Primary Care and Family Medicine of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts.