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At the university hospital, she established in 2008 the Center for Chronic Pruritus and has served as the head of this interdisciplinary center since its inception. In addition, she played a leading role in the foundation of the first international and national societies for itch, leads until today the EADV Task Force Pruritus, national and European guidelines for chronic pruritus and psychometric committees (Special interest group of IFSI, IDEOM itch group).

In 2011, Professor Ständer obtained the title of Professor of Dermatology (W3) from the University of Münster and dedicated herself to translational neurodermatology and pruritus research, becoming the worldwide leader in this field. Her research group has received several recognized research grants, including from the DFG, BMBF, IZKF and BMWi. The University of Wrocław, Poland, awarded her with a doctor honoris causa title in 2015 for her research efforts.