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Education and appointments

2002 - pres. Full Professor, Chair of RNA Biology and Molecular Physiology,
Bielefeld University

2000 Habilitation at **ETH Zürich**, *Venia legendi* in Plant Biology

1996 - 2002 Oberassistentin (Group leader) at the Institute for Plant Sciences,
Department of Biology, ETH Zürich

1990 - 1996 Assistentin (Junior group leader) at the Institute for Plant Sciences,
Department of Biology, ETH Zürich

1989 - 1990 Postdoc at **Max-Planck-Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Köln**

1985 - 1989 PhD thesis at **Max-Planck-Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Köln**,
with Prof. Dr. Jeff Schell

Fellow of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation

1984 - 1985 Diploma thesis at the **Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry, Martinsried**,
with Prof. Dr. Dieter Oesterhelt

1982 – 1983 Rotations at Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry, Martinsried
(with Profs. Zillig, Thoenen, Oesterhelt, Saenger)

1981 Research stay **Department of Biochemistry, Cambridge University**,
Cambridge, UK

1978 - 1984 Studies of Biochemistry at **Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen**, and of
Chemistry at **Ludwig Maximilians Universität München**

Administrative duties

- 2022 – pres. Member of the Senate of Bielefeld University
- 2018 - 2020 Dean of Faculty of Biology at Bielefeld University
- 2018 - 2020 Deputy Speaker of Deans at Bielefeld University
- 2018 University Quality control commission
- 2016 - 2018 Vice Dean of Faculty of Biology at Bielefeld University
- 2016 - 2023 Faculty of Biology Commission for Financial Affairs and Resources
- 2016 - 2020 Member of the Senate of Bielefeld University
- 2006 - 2017 President of Commission for Research and Promotion of young scientists at the Faculty of Biology
- 2004 – 2008 Member of the Senate of Bielefeld University

Professional activities

- 2021 - pres. Elected member of **DFG senate committee on Collaborative Research Centres** (SFBs); Elected member of **DFG Grants committee on Collaborative Research Centres** (SFBs)
- 2018 – pres. Deputy speaker of the GBM (German Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) study group “Molecular Biology and Biochemistry of Plants”
- 2022 Co-Chair Session "Plant RNA Biology" at the "International Conference of the German Society for Plant Sciences", Bonn
- 2012 - 2018 Member of Program committee of the DFG Priority Program SPP 1530 “Flowering time control – from models to corps”
- 1996 – 2002 Member of the committee and treasurer **Swiss Society of Plant Physiology**
- 1996 – 2002 FESPP representative
- 2017 – 2019 Member of the Committee Organization of the Conference “Molecular Biology of Plants”, Dabringhausen

- 2018 Organization of the 31. Conference “Molecular Biology of Plants”
Dabringhausen
- 2009 Session Chair “Photoperiodism and Rhythms in Plants”
15th International Congress on Photobiology, Düsseldorf
- 2011 Co-organization of workshop „RNA-level gene regulation“
22nd International Conference on Arabidopsis Research, Madison, USA
- 2018 - 2019 Mentor for Mentoring Programm Hessen: ProProfessur
- 2019 – 2020 Mentor TRR 175

Editorial work

Editorial Board Genome Biology

Editorial Board Plants

Associate Editor Frontiers of Plant Genetics and Genomics

Editor Frontiers Research Topic “Recent Advances in Flowering Time Control”

Editor Frontiers Research Topic “Plant RNA Biology”

Editor Methods in Molecular Biology “Plant Circadian Networks” 2014

Editor Methods in Molecular Biology “Plant Circadian Networks” 2nd edition 2022

Editor Plant Biology Special Issue “Molecular mechanisms of plant adaptation to changing environments”

Ad hoc reviewer scientific journals

Acta Physiologica Plantarum, BBA, Biologie in unserer Zeit, Biomolecules, BMC Biology, BMC Plant Biology, Briefings in Functional Genomics, Chronobiology International, Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences, Ecology letters, EMBO reports, Euphytica, FEBS Letters, FEMS, Frontiers in Plant Science, Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences, Functional Plant Biology, Genes, Genome Biology, Genome Research, Journal of Biological Chemistry, Journal of Experimental Botany, Journal of Integrative Plant Biology, Journal of Neurochemistry, Journal of Plant Growth Regulation, Journal of Plant Physiology, JOVE, Molecular and General Genetics/Molecular and General Genomics, Molecular Plant, Nature, Nature Communications, Nature Plants, New Phytologist, Nucleic Acids Research, Photochemistry Photobiology, Physiologia Plantarum, Planta, Plant Biology, Plant Biotechnology Journal, Plant Cell,

Plant Cell Environment, Plant Cell Physiology, Plant Cell Reports, Plant Journal, Plant Methods, Plant Molecular Biology, Plant Molecular Biology Reporter, Plant Physiology, Plant Physiology Biochemistry, Plants, Plant Science, Plant Signaling Behaviour, PLoS Biology, PLoS Genetics, PLoS One, PNAS, Protoplasma, RNA Biology, Scientific Report Nature, Seminars in Cell and Developmental Biology, Trends in Plant Science, Wiley Interdisciplinary reviews

Ad hoc reviewer grant agencies

Académie Wallonie-Bruxelles, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, ANR, Athene Young Investigator Program TU Darmstadt, BBSRC, Binational Science Foundation USA Israel, BMBF, Brussels University ARC, Czech Science Foundation, DAAD, DFG (regular proposals, collaborative research centres, research units, priority programs), EU – ERC Advanced grant, INRA, Israel Science Foundation, Just'US Program Gießen University, Leverhulme trust, Max Planck Society, National Research Foundation Singapore, Nebraska University, Netherlands Genomics Initiative, Netherlands NOW Vidi program, NSF, Poland National Science Foundation, Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Schweizerischer Nationalfonds, South Africa National Research Foundation, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes Promotionsauswahlaußschuss, United Arab Emirates Universities, US Department of Agriculture, US Department of Energy, Wallenberg Foundation

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