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Current position: Founder of Science Kitchen:
Science Communication Training

Academic Education

- 1992 – 1997 Doctoral studies (PhD) in Molecular Biology/ Biochemistry, EMBL Heidelberg, Germany. Advisor: Dr. Francis Stewart. Thesis title: Biochemical analysis of the site-specific recombinases of yeasts and of Bacteriophage P1
- 1985 – 1989 BSc studies in Molecular Biology, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK and Université d'Aix Marseille, France (Erasmus exchange year)

Professional Career

- 2024 – present Freelance trainer in Science Communication, founder of Science Kitchen, Berlin.
- 2015 – 2024 Full professor (W3) of Quantitative Epigenetics at the Institute of Biology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany www.ringroeselab.com
- Nov 2014 – Feb 2015) Sabbatical in the group of Martin Howard, department of Systems Biology, John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK
- 2006 – 2014 Junior group leader at IMBA, Vienna, Austria
- 2001 – 2005 Senior Postdoctoral fellow at ZMBH, Heidelberg, Germany
- 1999 – 2000 Postdoctoral fellow at Institut de Génétique Humaine, Montpellier, France
- 1997 – 1998 Postdoctoral fellow at EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany
- 1992 – 1997 PhD fellow at EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany
- 1990 – 1992 Patent examiner in Biotechnology at European Patent Office, Munich, Germany

Fellowships, prizes and awards

- 2019 Winner of the Humboldt University Lifesciences Faculty teaching prize
- 2017, 2022 Nominated and shortlisted for the Humboldt University teaching prize
- 2006 EU FP6 Epigenome Network of Excellence NET award for Newly Established Team
- 1999 EU Marie Curie Post-Doctoral fellowship
- 1992 EMBL PhD fellowship

Publication summary

https://scholar.google.de/citations?hl=en&user=nsP-8P0AAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate

Peer reviewed publications: 36
Total citations (Dec 2025): 5269
H- index: 26

External funding (2006 – 2022)

At IMBA, Vienna			EUR ca.
2006 – 2009	EU framework 6	Network of Excellence “The Epigenome” NET member	120,000
2006 – 2009	Bm:bmK GEN-AU II	Epigenetic Plasticity of the Mammalian Genome	350,000
2008 – 2012	FCT Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology	120,000
2009 – 2012	FWF, Austria	Non-coding RNAs of PRE/TREs	350,000
2011 – 2015	EU framework 7	“EpigeneSys” Network of Excellence“ Permanent member, workpackage coordinator.	200,000
At HU Berlin			
2017	Volkswagen Stiftung	Summer School ‘Epigenetics meets mathematics’ https://portal.volkswagenstiftung.de/search/projectDetails.do?ref=93165	48,000
2018 – 2019	Volkswagen Stiftung	“Experiment!- In search of bold research ideas” https://portal.volkswagenstiftung.de/search/projectDetails.do?ref=93721	120,000
2019 – 2021	DFG Project grant	https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/404308913?language=en	400,000
2018 – 2022	EU H2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Innovative Training Network PEP-NET: Predictive Epigenetics. (coordinator).	www.itn-pep.net	4,000,000
Total funding secured from 2006 to 2019, approx:			EUR 5,708,000

Supervision

IMBA Vienna (2006 – 2014): 3 Postdocs, 8 PhD students, 6 Masters students, 3 technicians (a full list of these is available at <http://othes.univie.ac.at/cgi/search/advanced>).

HU Berlin (2015 – 2024): Alumni include: 3 Postdocs, 5 masters students, 3 Bachelors students, 3 technicians, 3 PhD students.

Activities in the Scientific Community

- 2018 – 2022 Coordinator and author of the MSCA ITN “PEP-NET”. 15 PhDs across Europe are funded and trained to combine theoretical and experimental approaches to epigenetics. PhDs started in October 2019 (funded with €4M). www.itn-pep.net
- 2013 – 2019 Reviewer and panel member for ERC Starting Grants (Panel: LS1 Molecular and Structural Biology and Biochemistry).
- 2006 – 2024 External reviewer for ERC Consolidator and Advanced Grants. Additional grant reviews and various tenure reviews. Reviewer for numerous scientific journals. Regular activities in PhD and MSc thesis committees of the Vienna Biocentre, HU Berlin and internationally (E.g., University of Oxford, UK, University of Copenhagen, Denmark).
- 1997 – present Trainer and grant writing coach for PhD, Postdoc, junior and senior group leaders at several institutes. Clients include: Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum, Heidelberg (DKFZ), Mildred Scheel Nachwuchs Zentrum (MSNZ) at Universities of Würzburg and Hamburg, Max Planck Institutes across Germany. ICIQ, Spain.
- 2023 – present Member of the Planck Academy Trainer Pool (Max Planck Society).
<https://www.mpg.de/career/planck-academy>