

Biographical Sketch

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Education

1967-1972 Primary school in Obernkirchen
1972-1982 Secondary school in Bückeberg
May 1982 Final secondary-school examination (*Abitur*)

Scientific career

1982-1988 Studies of Biology at the Georg-August University in Göttingen, Germany
October 1988 Masters degree awarded, Score “excellent” (1.0)
1988-1991 Ph.D. thesis at the German Primate Research Center, Göttingen, Germany
Thesis title: “Isolation and Characterization of a new HIV-2 clone”
April 1991 PhD awarded *Magna Cum Laude*
1991-1994 Postdoctoral Fellow at the New England Primate Research Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA (Mentor: Prof. Dr. R.C. Desrosiers)
Research topics: “Molecular function of the HIV and SIV *nef* and *env* genes”
1994-1999 Assistant Professor and laboratory head at the Department of Virology, University of Erlangen (director: Prof. Dr. B. Fleckenstein)
April 1997 private lecturer (*Privatdozent*)
1999-2001 Associate Professor (C2) at the Dep. of Virology, University of Erlangen
2001-2009 Tenured Professor at the Department of Virology
2009-present W3-Professor and Director of the Institute of Molecular Virology, Ulm

Honors

1990 Junior scientist award of the German Primate Center
1991 Research Fellowship of the AIDS-Research program of the BMBF

- 1995 German AIDS research award of the Society of Infectious Diseases
- 1998 Thiersch-award of the Medical Faculty of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
- 1999 Research Award of the British United Providential Association (BUPA) Foundation, shared with Profs. P. Easterbrook and S. Rowland-Jones (London)
- March 2000 Offer of a Tenure Track position at the National Cancer Institute, Frederick, Maryland, USA (Director: Prof. Dr. John Coffin)
- April 2000 Offer of a permanent C3 professorship of Virology at the Medical Faculty of the University of Ulm (Clinical director: Prof. Dr. T. Mertens)
- 2002 Award for successful collaboration with industrial partners of the University of Ulm (shared with Dr. J. Münch)
- 2003 AIDS research award of the German AIDS Society (shared with Drs. J. Münch and L. Ständker)
- 2006 AIDS research award of the Heinz-Ansman Foundation
- 2007 Offer of a Tenured Professorship of Virology at the Imperial College London, UK (declined)
- 2007 AIDS research award of the Hector Foundation
- 2007 Innovation award of the German University Clinics
- 2007 Merckle research award
- 2008 Research award of the GlaxoSmithkline Foundation for clinical research
- 2008 Offers of W3 Professorships at the Universities of Gießen, Basel and Göttingen (declined)
- 2009 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz award of the DFG
- 2009 Member of the German Society of Science (Leopoldina)
- 2010 Member of the National AIDS advisory board (since 2010)
- 2011 German AIDS research award of the Society of Infectious Diseases

Memberships

German Society for Virology

American Society for Microbiology

Scientific advisory board of ViroPharmaceuticals GmbH (Hannover)

Editorial Services

Currently editorial board member of the Journal of Virology, Retrovirology, The open AIDS journal; Advances in Virology, Frontiers in Virology; Cell.

Major research interests

Manipulation of immune functions by pathogenic and apathogenic primate lentiviruses

Mechanisms of virus-host adaptation and persistence of immunodeficiency viruses

Dysregulation of immune activation and apoptosis in AIDS

Novel inhibitors and enhancers of HIV infection and their applications