

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Nationality German
Date of Birth 16 March 1968
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Education and Degrees

2012 Habilitation (postdoctoral lecture qualification), University of Bern, Switzerland
1998 Dr. rer. nat. (PhD equivalent), University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany
1994 Diplom (MSc equivalent) in Biology, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany
1990 Vordiplom (BSc equivalent) in Biology - Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

Research Experience and Appointments

9/12 – present Head, Biosafety Group, Agroscope, Zurich, Switzerland
11/06 – present Lecturer, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland
6/12 – 6/22 Adjunct Professor, Institute of Plant Protection, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China
7/06 – 8/12 Deputy group leader, Biosafety Group, Agroscope ISS, Zurich, Switzerland
5/00 – 6/06 Senior Scientist, Biosafety Group, Agroscope ISS, Zurich, Switzerland
1/99 – 4/00 Postdoctoral fellow, BAYER AG, Central Research Division, Monheim, Germany
5/98 – 12/98 Postdoctoral fellow, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Institute of Plant Sciences, Applied Entomology, Zürich, Switzerland
9/94 – 2/98 PhD candidate, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany & International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Patancheru, India (9/94 – 12/97)

Academic quantitative indicators

Peer-reviewed publications: 213
H factor in Google Scholar: 58

Award

Integrated Pest Management Team Award 2013, Entomology Foundation: Risk Assessment of Bt Plants on Beneficial Non-target Arthropods (NTA) IPM Team [Jörg Romeis (lead), Anthony Shelton, Steven Naranjo, Richard Hellmich, Morven McLean, Alan Raybould, Marco Candolfi, Jian Duan, Joseph Huesing, Raymond Layton]

Memberships in panels, boards, etc.

- Editorial boards: Journal of Applied Entomology (2000–), International Journal of Tropical Insect Science (2006–), Plos One (2020–), frontiers in Biotechnology and Bioengineering (2021–).
- Management Committee: COST Action CA15223, iPlanta (Modifying plants to produce interfering RNA) (2016–20).
- Advisory Board: EU-FP6 project BIOSAFENET (2008–09).
- Scientific Committee overarching WG on Environmental Risk Assessment, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) (2013–16).
- Reviewer: Scientific opinion on the assessment of potential impacts of genetically modified plants on non-target organisms, EFSA (2009).
- Ad-hoc expert: Post market environmental monitoring, EFSA (2004 & 2010).

Active memberships in scientific societies

- EPSO Working Group Agricultural Technologies (since 2014).
- Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT), Forum for Genetic Research (since 2012).
- Convenor, IOBC/WPRS working group “Genetically Modified Organisms in Integrated Plant Production” (2003–13).
- European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) (2012–13).
- International Society for Biosafety Research (ISBR), President (since 2023).

Organisation of conferences/ symposia

- International Symposium on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms. Chair, Program Committee: St. Louis, USA (2012), Cape Town, South Africa (2014); Member, Program Committee: Guadalajara, Mexico (2017); incoming president: St Louis, USA (2023).
- Organization of symposia and workshops at various national and international conferences including Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, International Congress of Entomology, International Symposium on Biological Control of Arthropods; total of 40 symposia/workshops (2003-24).
- Organization of side events on GMO risk assessment at the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), UNEP, UN: COP-MOP 4, Bonn, Germany (2008), COP-MOP 5, Nagoya, Japan (2010).

Professional service

- Scientific Institute of Public Health, Brussels, Belgium (2008–15).
- Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Directorate-General for the Environment and International Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands (2012).
- United States Department of Agriculture & Environmental Protection Agency Peer Review Panel “Tier-based testing for potential effects of introduced traits on non-target invertebrates in the context of regulatory risk assessment”, Riverdale, USA (2004).
- Environmental Risk Assessment of GM Crops, Center for Environmental Risk Assessment, International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Research Foundation, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2009), Brasilia, Brazil (2008 & 2009).
- Problem Formulation Biotech Crops and Aquatic Ecosystems, Center for Environmental Risk Assessment, International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Research Foundation, Washington, USA (2009).
- Environmental risk assessment of RNAi-plants, Center for Environmental Risk Assessment, International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Research Foundation, Washington, USA (2011).
- Cry1Ab-expressing Cowpea Expert Panel, African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) & Program for Biosafety Systems (PBS), Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, USA (2009).
- South Asia Conference on Current Approaches to the Environmental Risk Assessment of Genetically Engineered Crops, South Asia Biosafety Program, United States Agency for

- International Development (USAID), New Delhi, India (2011).
- Genetically modified cotton, European Union and the Commission of the African-Caribbean-Pacific Countries (ACP-cotton), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (2008).
 - Surrogate Species Selection for Assessing Adverse Environmental Impacts on Non-target Organisms, Member, Steering Committee, Center for Environmental Risk Assessment, International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Research Foundation, Washington, USA (2012).
 - Non-target Organism testing. Environmental Risk Assessment Workshop. CERA, ILSI, Ames, Iowa, USA (2013 & 2014).
 - Workshop on Environmental Risk Assessment and Post-market Monitoring of Transgenic Crops, Moscow, Russia (2014).

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