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Curriculum Vitae

Date & Place of Birth: May 10, 1963 in Pfarrkirchen i.M., Austria

Present Title/Position: Full professor of Genetic Epidemiology
Head of the Institute of Genetic Epidemiology

Education:

1981-89 Medical school, University of Innsbruck, Austria

1988-90 Doctoral thesis "Thromboembolic complications following renal transplantation" written at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in collaboration with the Division of Nephrology, Innsbruck University Hospital, Innsbruck, Austria

Post-Graduate Education and Career History:

1991 - 1997 Postdoctoral fellow and residency in Medical Biology at the Institute of Medical Biology and Human Genetics, University of Innsbruck

1997 Speciality: Medical Biology and Human Genetics

Subspeciality: Lipoprotein metabolism, genetic epidemiology

1997-1999: Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Department of Cardiovascular Genetics at the University of Utah, USA (Roger R. Williams and Steven C. Hunt). Supported by an "APART scholarship" from the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Research topic: genetic-epidemiological methods (segregation and linkage analyses)

1999-2002: Independent scientist at the Department of Medical Biology and Human Genetics, University of Innsbruck.

2000: "Habilitation" at the University of Innsbruck

2002 - 2004: Head of the Research Unit "Genetic Epidemiology" at the Institute of Epidemiology, GSF - National Research Center for Environment and Health, Neuherberg - Munich, Germany

2004 to date: Full professor of Genetic Epidemiology at the Innsbruck Medical University; Head of the Institute of Genetic Epidemiology and of the Sequencing&Genotyping Core Facility

2008 to 2017: Three terms as Director of the Department of Medical Genetics, Molecular and Clinical Pharmacology

Research Topics: Genetic epidemiology, lipoprotein(a), lipoprotein metabolism, genetics of complex diseases such as atherosclerosis, kidney diseases, diabetes mellitus; intermediate phenotypes; clinical epidemiological studies

Publications: 541 publications in total: 414 articles (including 21 consortial contributions), 8 letters, 15 book chapters or proceedings, 83 invited reviews and editorials; 208 papers as first, last or corresponding author

Impact-Factor: 7900 (2345 as first, last or corresponding author)

H-Factor: 101 (Scopus), 119 (Google Scholar)

Citations: 43,500 (Scopus), 58.700 (Google Scholar)

Lectures and Posters: ≈250 lectures (including 200 invited lectures) presented at national and international meetings

Editorial Boards: Co-Editor: Atherosclerosis
Editorial Board Member: Gerontology

Other Activities:

2001 - 2005 Work group member of the "National Kidney Foundation's K/DOQI clinical practice guidelines on cardiovascular disease in dialysis patients", New York, USA

2004 - 2016 Executive Board Member of the "Austrian Society of Human Genetics"

2004 - 2009 Organization Committee of the "European Lipoprotein Club"

2010 - 2014 Member of the International KDIGO Lipid Work Group

since 2015 Member of the EAS-EFLM consensus initiative on laboratory testing and reporting in the management of hyperlipidaemia and cardiovascular disease prevention (EAS = European Atherosclerosis Society; EFLM = European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine)

2016 Congress Co-chair of the "84th Congress of the European Atherosclerosis Society" (≈2000 participants)

2016 Vice-Chair des "International Lp(a) Satellite Meeting" "From Bench to Bedside" (≈250 participants), Innsbruck

since 2018 Member of the EAS Task Force on Rare Lipid Disorders

since 2021 Co-Chair of the EAS Lp(a) Consensus Initiative

since 2023 Chair of the Lp(a) International Task Force of the FH Europe Foundation

Scholarships and Awards:

1988 Scholarship for academic performance awarded by the School of Medicine, University of Innsbruck

1989 Research scholarship of the Austrian Ministry of Science

1990 Research scholarship of the Austrian Ministry of Science

1993 Award of the Austrian Society of Transplantation, Transfusion and Genetics ("Austrotransplant")

1994 Award of the Austrian Society of Nephrology

1995 Award of the local government (Oberösterreich)

1997 Bernd-Tersteegen Award of the German Dialysis Society (international competition)

- 1997 - 2000 APART ("Austrian Programme for Advanced Research and Technology")
scholarship from the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 1999 Knoll William Harvey Prize (international competition)
- 2000 Research award of the "Austrian Stroke Foundation"
- 2000 Research award of the City of Innsbruck
- 2001 Research award for basic sciences in diabetology of the "Austrian
Diabetes Association"
- 2005 Cultural Award for Medicine of the local government (Oberösterreich)
- 2010 Paula und Richard von Hertwig-Preis for interdisciplinary collaboration
- 2018 Badge of Honour of the Tyrolean Private University UMIT, Hall i.T., Austria
- 2021 Scholarship of the Dr. Johannes und Hertha Tuba-Stiftung
- 2021 Award for lifetime achievement in science from the Dr. Johannes und
Hertha Tuba-Stiftung
- 2022 Member of the Academia Europaea

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