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Curriculum vitae

- since 2006 Head, Department of Physiology and Pathology of Ion Transport, Leibniz-Institut für Molekulare Pharmakologie and Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (joint appointment)
- since 2006 Full Professor (W3), Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- 1995 – 2006 Director, Center for Molecular Neurobiology Hamburg (ZMNH), University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE)
- 1993 Professor (C4), Molecular Neuropathology, ZMNH
- 1991 Habilitation in Cell Biochemistry, University Medical Center Hamburg
- 1988 – 1993 Research group leader, ZMNH
- 1986 – 1988 Postdoctoral fellow, (with Harvey F. Lodish) at the Whitehead Institute (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 1984 M.D. (thesis on pHi-regulating processes; thesis adviser: Prof. Wiederholt), Institute for Clinical Physiology, Freie Universität Berlin (FU)
- 1982 PhD in Physics (thesis on field ionization (surface physics), thesis adviser: Prof. Block); Fritz-Haber-Institute (Max-Planck-Society), Berlin
- 1981 – 1985 Staff scientist (Prof. Wiederholt), Institut für Klinische Physiologie, FU Berlin
- 1974 – 1980 Study of Physics, FU Berlin
- 1972 – 1978 Study of Medicine, FU Berlin

Research fields

Our group is active in the field of physiology and pathology of ion transport with the major areas:

- Cellular and molecular mechanisms of neurodegeneration, epilepsy, sensorial biology
- Mouse models
- Intracellular trafficking, endosomal/lysosomal traffic, and function
- Kidney and bone physiology, transepithelial transport

Activities in the scientific community, honors, awards

- 2006 Hodgkin-Huxley-Katz Prize Lecture (London)
- 2005 Member, Hamburg Academy of Sciences
- 2004 Homer W. Smith Award of the American Society of Nephrology
- since 2004 Elected member, Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina
- 2004 Adolf Fick Prize for Physiology/Biophysics
- 2001 Prix Louis-Jeantet de médecine
- since 2001 Elected member BBAW, EMBO, Academia Europaea
- 2000 Ernst Jung Preis für Medizin, Familie Hansen Preis, and Feldberg Prize
- 1999 Zülch Prize for research in neurology, Max Planck Society
- 1998 Franz Volhard Prize for research in nephrology
- 1998 Alfred Hauptmann Prize for research on epilepsy
- 1995 Leibniz Prize, German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 1992 Wilhelm-Vaillant-Prize for medical research

Selected publications

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