

General Information

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Academic record

Academic Career

since May 2016 Professor (W3) for Nucleic Acid Biochemistry at the University of Tübingen partially funded by the DFG via the Heisenberg-Professur program (STA 1053/7-1)

Jan. 2015 Call from the TU Dortmund / Faculty of Chemistry on a W2 position for Chemical Biology (rejected)

Jun. 2014 Call from the KU Leuven (Belgium), Faculty of Medicine as Associate Professor for Chemical Biology (rejected)

May 2011 – Apr. 2016 Leader of an Independent Research Group at the Interfaculty Institute of Biochemistry, University Tübingen, supported by DFG (STA1053/3-1, STA1053/3-2, STA1053/4-1) and ERC (Consolidator Grant “RNArepair”)

Postdoc Research

Jul. 2006 – Apr. 2011 Leopoldina-Fellow (Postdoc) with Prof. D. Hilvert; ETH Zürich (Switzerland)

Dec. 2005 – Apr. 2006 DFG Postdoc scholarship of Graduate School 782 with Prof. U. Diederichsen, University Göttingen

Education

Nov. 2002 - Nov. 2005 PhD thesis in Bioorganic Chemistry with Prof. U. Diederichsen, University Göttingen (Germany); PhD scholarship by Fonds der Chemischen Industrie

Thesis title “*Application of thymine oxetanes for monitoring nucleic acid mediated charge transfer*” (grade: summa cum laude)

Nov. 2002 – Nov. 2005	Associate member of the DFG Graduate School 782
May 2001 - May 2002	Diploma work in the group of Prof. U. Diederichsen, University Göttingen <i>“Synthesis of an Analog of the Green Fluorescent Protein”</i> ; grade: excellent (1,0 - sehr gut)
Feb. 2001	Research visit in the group of Prof. F. Lahmani; Institute for Molecular Photophysics, Paris-Orsay (France)
Oct. 2000 - Jan. 2001	Research visit (Sokrates Exchange Program) with Prof. J. Engberts; University Groningen (The Netherlands)
Oct. 1999	Intermediate Diploma in Chemistry, University Göttingen; grade: excellent (1,3 - sehr gut)
May 1997	High School Diploma, Theodor-Heuss-Gymnasium, Göttingen; grade: excellent (1.3)

Award, Honors & Grants

- Heisenberg-Professur W3 (STA 1053/7-1)
- ERC Consolidator Grant 2014 (RNArepair)
- DFG-Normalverfahren STA 1053/4-1
- DFG-Normalverfahren STA 1053/3-2
- since 2012, elected member of the *“Zukunftsforum”* of the Dechema
- DFG Normalverfahren (Eigene Stelle, STA 1053/3-1)
- Call from the University of Tübingen to start an Independent Research Group
- Leopoldina-Postdoc-Scholarship, ETH Zürich, 2007 – 2009
- DFG-Postdoc-scholarship, Graduate School 782, University Göttingen, 2006
- Award from the Faculty of Sciences of the University Göttingen for an outstanding PhD thesis
- PhD scholarship from the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie, VCI e.V., 2003 – 2005