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Position: Senior Group Leader and Director

Academic education including academic degrees

1990 – 1993 Bachelor in Science (B.Sc.) (First Class Degree); University College London (UCL), UK

Scientific graduation

1993 – 1997 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), London, UK

Employment

Since 1/2015 Managing Director, Max Planck Institute of Immunobiology and Epigenetics (MPI-IE), Freiburg
Since 4/2013 Director, Department of Chromatin Regulation, MPI-IE, Freiburg
2009 – 3/2013 Max Planck Investigator, MPI-IE, Freiburg
2001 – 2009 Group Leader, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Gene Expression Program, Heidelberg
1999 – 2000 Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Adolf-Butenandt Institute, Department of Molecular Biology, Munich
1997 – 1999 Postdoctoral Research Scientist, EMBO, Heidelberg

Other activities, awards and honours

2017 The Feldberg Prize
2015 Elected member of the Intersectional Board of the Scientific Council of the Max Planck Society.
2014 Elected member of Max Planck Perspective Committee
2013 Elected EMBO Member
2013 Awarded FEBS National Lecture
Since 2012 Co-speaker and board member for DFG-SFB992
2010 Maternity leave (2 months)
2010 – 2015 Co-coordinator of the EU FP7 funded Network of Excellence “EpiGeneSys”.
2008 Recipient of European Life Science Organization (ELSO) Early Career Award for significant contribution in the field.
2006 – 2009 Member of EMBL Standing Advisory Committee.
2004 – 2009 Board member and elected representative of the Newly Established Teams (NET) in the EU FP6 funded “Epigenome” Network of Excellence.
2002 – 2009 Member of EMBL Graduate Student Committee and EICAT Committee.
2002 – 2009 Member of EMBL monoclonal antibody user committee.
2002 – 2004 EMBO YIP PhD student course. Evaluated as the best lecturer.
1993 LILIAN CLARKE PRIZE (UCL); Best Biology student, JOAN-HAXESMAN PRIZE (UCL); Best project, ELIZABETH GRAHAM HOCART PRIZE (UCL); Most recommended student by external examiners CERIFICATE OF MERIT (UCL); Academic Achievements.