

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of birth : 20 December 1959
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University Education

1977 - 1981 Glasgow University, Department of Microbiology
- Graduated with First Class Honours in Microbiology.

1981 - 1984 Edinburgh University, Department of Molecular Biology,
Ph.D. with Professor Neil Willetts. Awarded a Ph.D. in
Molecular Biology in December 1984.
- Title of thesis: The transposable elements and
conjugation system of the IncN plasmid R46.

Post-Doctoral Experience

1985 - 1988 Institute for Genetics, University of Cologne and Max
Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Cologne.
- Received a Royal Society European Exchange
Fellowship and an EMBO long-term Fellowship to work
as a post-doctoral fellow with Professor Peter Starlinger.

Tenured positions

1989 - 2001 Research group leader at the Plant Breeding Institute,
Cambridge, UK

In March 1990 moved with the Institute to the
Cambridge Laboratory, John Innes Centre, Norwich.
Promoted internally in July 1994 and in July 1998 with
Individual Merit Promotions.

2001 - In January 2001 appointed as a Director of the Max
Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research in Cologne.

External appointments and Honours

Honorary Lecturer at the University of East Anglia, 1993-2001.

Honorary Professor at the University of Cologne, April 2003.

Elected Member of European Molecular Biology Organisation, 2001

Elected Associate Member of the Class of Sciences of the Royal Academy of Belgium, 2006

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society, London, 2007

Elected Member of the German Academy, Leopoldina, 2009

Boards

Committee of the Genetical Society of the UK, 1997-2001.

Member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Plant Molecular Biology, 2003-present.

Member of Scientific Advisory Board, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology IGDB, Chinese Academy of Sciences CAS, 2003

Member of the Advisory Board “Experimental Plant Sciences” Wageningen, 2005 -present

Member of the Scientific Board of Leibniz-Institut für Pflanzengenetik und Kulturpflanzenforschung (IPK) Gatersleben 2008 – 2011

Advisory boards of the journals *Development* (1999 -), *Plant Journal* (1995 – 1999) and *Transgenic Research* (1999 – 2003). Member of the Editorial Board of *PLANTA*, 2005

Meeting organisation

Co-organiser 7th International meeting on Arabidopsis Research Norwich 1996

Co-organiser Juan March Foundation Workshop “Plasticity in Plant Morphogenesis”, Madrid 2003

Co-organiser 15th International Meeting on Arabidopsis Research, Berlin 2004

Co-organiser of the meeting “Control of Flowering Time and Applications for Plant Breeding”, Salza 2008