

Curriculum vitae

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Current Positions, Employment, and Faculty Appointments

since 2016 Coordinator and initiator of the PhD-Program ‘Regenerative Medicine’

Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria

since 2013 Professor of ‘Tissue and Organ Replacement’, Center for Biomedical Technology, Danube University Krems (DUK)

since 2013 Founding Member and Scientific Board Member, ‘Platform for Advanced Cellular Therapy’ (PACT)

2013 - 2016 Head of the Center for ‘Biomedical Technology’, Danube University Krems

2011 - 2013 Vice-Curriculum Director of the Dental University Vienna

2003 - 2013 Group leader of Routine Laboratories and Clinical Studies at the Clinic for Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine

1999 - 2013 Professor for Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine, Leader of the Research Laboratories, Medical University of Vienna (MUW)

1996 - 1997 Converted position to Assistant Professor in Pathology at HMS

1996 Appointed Faculty Member and ‘Instructor’ of Pathology at the HMS

1994 - 1996 Post-Doctoral Scholarship- Erwin Schrödinger as well as Max Cade at the Department of Pathology, Harvard Medical School (HMS), Boston MA

Education

2011 - 2015 MBA in Health Care Management

2009 - 2011 Specialisation in Hospital Management, Danube University Krems

2010 'Venia docendi' in Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine

1999 - 2013 Specialization in Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine,
University of Vienna and MUW

2008 - 2009 Fellowship in Haematology and Haemostaseology, Clinic for Internal
Medicine I, MUW

2003 - 2004 Fellowship in Surgery, Clinic for Orthopaedic Surgery, MUW

1997 - 1999 Internship and residency, Vienna Hospital Unions

1997 'Venia docendi' in Immunology

1994 - 1997 HMS, Department of Pathology, Boston, MA

Specialization in Experimental Pathology,

1988 - 1994 Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Institute of Immunology,
Specialization in Clinical Immunology, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

1986 - 1988 Austrian Army Service – HSNS – Sports Company

1980 - 1986 University of Vienna, School of Medicine, Austria, MD in 1986

1972 - 1980 Gymnasium Wien, BRG-17 (highschool)

Academic and Professional Career

since 1999 Research associate

Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria

1999-2003 6 weeks research stay, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

2000 - 2001 Project leader "Tecnet AREA Biotechnologie" on behalf of the
government of lower Austria

Since 2001 Head of Medical Process Engineering, Center for Biomedical Technology,
Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria

Since 2018 Assistant Professorship for Apheresis and Extracorporeal Therapies,
Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria

Research (main areas)

Tissue and Organ Replacement

Cellular Therapy

Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine

Clinical Immunology and Transplant Immunology

Experimental Pathology

Honors and Awards

2005 Best Dissertation MUW (Student's award)

2006 Best Dissertation in Medicine of all Austrian Universities ('Auerswald Preis', student's award)

1996 Appointed Faculty Member of the HMS

1996 Max Cade Scholarship

1994 Erwin Schrödinger Scholarship by the FWF

Projects

Lead Partner: INTERREG ATCZ133: Kompetenzzentrum MechanoBiologie in der Regenerativen Medizin

Lead Partner: Life-Science NFB: LS15-004 – Immunregulatorische Fähigkeiten von Mesenchymalen Stammzellen (MSCs).

Partner: OVCAD LSHC-CT-205-018698, EU Commission, Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Robert Zeillinger, MUW.

Partner: Christian Doppler Laboratory for 'Innovative Therapy Approaches in Sepsis', Coordinator: Prof. Dr. DI Viktoria Weber, DUK.

Principal Investigator: Blood Group specific Antibodies in ABO-incompatible Stem Cell Transplantation: ÖNB-Jubiläumsfonds: Projekt Nummer: 14 254.

Principal Investigator: Natural IgM Antibodies in Sepsis: ÖNB-Jubiläumsfonds: Projekt Nummer: 8790.

Principal Investigator: Local Complement C3 Synthesis: ÖNB-Jubiläumsfonds: Projekt Nummer: 6887.

Principal Investigator: Complement in RA: FWF-Project Number: P13 481.

Strategic Partner of ACMIT a Komet-Center of the FFG

Publications (last five years)

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