

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Citizenship: Austria
Date of birth: May 18, 1953
Place of birth: Joao Monlevade, Brazil
Children: Fabian (1983), Constantin (1985)

EDUCATION

1960 – 1966: Primary and secondary school at Sacré-Coeur de Belo Horizonte, Brazil
1966/1967: Lycée de St. Sophie, Luxembourg
1967 – 1972: Bundesgymnasium Bruck an der Mur, Austria, Matura July 72
1972-1981: Studies of Biochemistry at the University of Vienna
1978 Masters degree in Biochemistry, University of Vienna, Austria
Thesis: "Modulation of LH-RH Stimulated Gonadotropin Release by Progestagens".
1981 Ph.D. in Biochemistry, University of Vienna, Austria
Thesis: "On The Cell Differentiation in The Yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*".
1993 Habilitation in Genetics, Institute of Microbiology and Genetics,
University of Vienna: "Interaction of Antibiotics with Group I Intron RNA"

FELLOWSHIPS

1980: EMBO short term fellowship (3 months) to Munich, at the Institut für Genetik und Mikrobiologie der Universität München (group of Prof. R.J. Schweyen).
1982 and 1984/85: EMBO long-term fellowships to the Centre de Génétique Moléculaire of the C.N.R.S. at Gif sur Yvette (group of Prof. Piotr P. Slonimski).
1987/89: Erwin Schrodinger Fellowship to the New York State Department of Health, Albany, USA (group of Prof. Marlene Belfort).

POSITIONS

1986: Assistant at the University of Vienna, Institute of Microbiology and Genetics
1993: "Habilitation" (venia legendi) at the Institute of Microbiology and Genetics Univ. of Vienna
1995: Assistant Professor *ibid*
2005: Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Max F. Perutz Laboratories, University of Vienna

AWARDS

1984: Theodor-Körner Stiftungspreis für Wissenschaft und Kunst
1992: SANDOZ "Forschungspreis für Biologie"
1997: Elected member of EMBO
2001: L'Oréal UNESCO Special Award for Women in Science

2002: Elected corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
2002: Special award of the University of Vienna for Innovations in Teaching
2002: Elected Austrian Scientist of the Year by Science Journalists
2003: Elected Full Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
2003: Wittgenstein award
2005: Prize of the city of Vienna for “Natur- und Technische Wissenschaften”

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1991-1994: Member of the commissions for personnel and budget of the faculty of natural sciences
1998-2004: Austrian delegate to the EMBO conference and EMBL council
1999-2002: Head of the commission for the studies of molecular biology
2001-2005: Member of the Austrian Commission for the Bioethics
2001-2003: Mentor in the Mentoring program of the University of Vienna
since 2002: Member of the board of trustees of the WWTF
since 2004: Member of the board of trustees of the European Forum Alpbach
since 2004: Vice Dean of the Life Science Faculty of the University of Vienna
since Sept 2005: Vice President of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

I want to mention two activities, which are especially important for me and in which I invest a lot of energy and time: public understanding of science and the promotion of women in science. I give an average of 30 to 40 talks a year for the public, because I think that the reason why science is so poorly accepted in Austria is because scientists don't bother communicating their work and explaining why science matters. For this activity I was elected “scientist of the year” in 2002 by science journalists. My second major activity, gender issues in science, is in my point of view very important for two reasons: i) science has always underestimated the role and value of women in our society and ii) no society can afford to waste female creativity and productivity.

MEMBERSHIPS

ÖGBMB (Austrian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)
ÖGGGT (Austrian Society for Genetics and Gene Technology)
RNA society
ISSOL (International Society for the Studies of the Origin of Life)