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Professional Positions

Since 2004 Full professor (C4) and Director, Institute of Neuropathology, RWTH Aachen
1998-2004 Senior physician (Ltd. Arzt), Division of Neuropathology, Inst. of Pathology, University of Bern, Switzerland; Professor (Titularprof.) of Neuropathology
1995-1997 Oberarzt (C2), Institute of Neuropathology, RWTH University Hospital
1991-1995 Resident and Research fellow (C1), RWTH Aachen University Hospital
1989-1990 Postdoc, Washington University, St. Louis, USA, Profs. J.R. Sanes, J.P. Merlie
1985-1988 Resident, Institute of Neuropathology, RWTH Aachen University Hospital

Academic Qualification and Education

1995 Habilitation and appointment as Privatdozent in Neuropathology, RWTH
1994 Board exam in Neuropathology
1988 Medical doctor (Dr. med., *mit Auszeichnung*), RWTH Aachen University
1979-1985 Medical School, RWTH Aachen University

Honors, Awards, Scholarships and Other Qualifications

2019 Alfons Maria Jakob Medal, German Society of Neuropathology and Neuroanatomy (DGNN)
2016-2024 Elected member, Review Board "Neurosciences", German Research Foundation (DFG)
2018-2023 Member of the DFG Selection Committee, German-Israeli Project Cooperation
2016-2024 Deputy member, Board of Supervisors, RWTH University Hospital
2009-2015 President, thereafter Past-President, DGNN
2010 Co-Winner of the Innovation Award Medical Technologies, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
2011-2014 President, European Confederation of Neuropathological Societies (Euro-CNS)
Since 2004 Head of the Reference Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases, DGNN
2002-2004 President of the Swiss Society of Neuropathology
1997, 1998, 2004 Calls to C3 professorships at the Univ. of Dresden, Ulm and Regensburg
1997 Best Teaching Award (1st price), Medical Faculty, RWTH Aachen
1989-1990 Research Fellowships by the Max Kade Foundation and the DFG
1987 Borchers Medal and Friedrich Wilhelm Price, RWTH Aachen

Research Topics: Pathomechanisms of neuromuscular and neurodegenerative diseases including protective and regenerative processes. Focus on the role of endoplasmic reticulum pathology and disturbed proteostasis and autophagy in neuromuscular and neurodegenerative disorders.