

Curriculum Vitae (January 2013)

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Education:

1964 BA (Zoology) Oxford
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1969-1973 Member of Scientific Staff, MRC Cellular Immunology Unit, Oxford.
1971-1977 Post-Doc, Adjunct Assistant and Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (Dr DB Wilson)
1974-1994 Member of Staff and from 1986 Head of the Department of Immunology, The Babraham Institute, Cambridge
1994-2011 Professor of Cell Genetics (C4), Institute for Genetics, University of Cologne
2011-present Professor Emeritus, Institute for Genetics, University of Cologne
2012-present Director, Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal

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1981 Department of Pathology, Stanford University (Dr IL Weissman)
1981 Division of Biology, Cal. Inst. Technology (Dr LE Hood)
1986 Department of Structural Biology, Stanford University (Dr P Parham)
1992 Cell Biology, EMBL Heidelberg (Dr B Dobberstein)
2004 Division of Neurobiology, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge (Dr HT McMahon)

Awards:

1971 Fulbright Scholarship
1970-1973 Weir Junior Research Fellowship, University College, Oxford
1974-1979 Research Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge
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1994-1995	Member, Cell and Molecular Biology Board, Medical Research Council, UK
1996-1999	Member, later Chairman, Sectional Committee 7, Royal Society, London
1996-1999	Molecular Biology Grants Committee, Human Frontiers Science Programme (HFSP), Strassburg.
1996-2011	Member and Chairman, Scientific Advisory Board, CNRS-INSERM Institut d'Immunologie Marseille-Luminy, France
1996-2004	Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Max Planck Institute for Immunobiology, Freiburg
2002-2005	Member, Courses and Workshops Committee, EMBO, Heidelberg
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2004-present	Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Gulbenkian Institute of Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal
2004	Max Planck Society Research Field Rapporteur (with Prof. Guenther Schütz)
2005-2007	Member, Sectional Committee 7, Royal Society, London
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2008-2012	Member, University Research Fellowships Committee, Royal Society
2009-2012	Member, later Chairman, Scientific Advisory Board, Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Tübingen
2009-present	Member ERC Advanced Grants review committee Immunity and Infection panel LS6.
2011-2012	Member Scientific Advisory Board (Fachbeirat) of the German Society for Genetics (Gesellschaft für Genetik)
2013-	Member of Review Board, Dorothy Hodgkin Research Fellowships of the Royal Society

Research Grants presently held:

SFB680 Molecular Basis of Evolutionary Innovations

TPB3: Recent co-adaptation in the *Toxoplasma*-mouse parasite-host relationship; renewal awarded the period 1/2010-12/2013 (one further 4-year renewal possible)

SFB670 Cell-autonomous Immunity

TP6: The role of p47 (IRG) GTPases in cell-autonomous resistance to protozoal pathogens; renewal awarded for the period 7/2010-6/2014 (one further 4-year renewal possible)

SPPI399 Host-Parasite Co-evolution

Virulence factors and resistance genes in the ecological relationship between *Toxoplasma gondii* and *Mus musculus* 07/2012-06/2015

SFB635 Post-translational Control of Protein Function

TPB2: Regulatory interactions between IRG GTPases: renewed for 07/2011-06/2015

List of Publications

Book:

"Darwin", Oxford University Press, 1st edn **1982**, 2nd edn. **2001**

Papers

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