



Curriculum Vitae Professor Dr. Benno Parthier

Name: Benno Parthier
Born: 21 August 1932 in Holleben (Saxony-Anhalt, Germany)
Family Status: married, 3 children



Academic and Professional Career

- 1998 Age-related retirement as Director of the Institute of Plant Biochemistry of the Leibniz Association (IPB); Retired professor at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
- 1993 Appointed Professor (C4) of Cellular Biochemistry at Halle University (joint appointment with the non-university Institute of Plant Biochemistry), Germany
- 1992 - 1997 Managing Director of the Institute of Plant Biochemistry (IPB) and Head of the Department of Hormone Research, Germany
- 1991 Appointed Founding Director of the Institute of Plant Biochemistry (IPB) in Halle by the Minister of Science and Education of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany
- 1990 Democratically elected as Director of the Institute of the Biochemistry of Plants (IBP) in Halle; approval from the President of the Academy of Sciences of the GDR
- 1975 Appointed Professor of Molecular Biology at the Academy of Sciences of the GDR
- 1968 - 1975 Lecturer in Molecular Biology, training contract with Halle University, GDR
- 1967 - 1990 Head of the Department of Molecular Biology at the Institute of the Biochemistry of Plants at the Academy of Sciences of the GDR

- 1967 Habilitation at Halle University, GDR; *venia legendi*
- 1966 Research assistant at the Institute of the Biochemistry of Plants at the German Academy of Sciences in Halle, GDR
- 1965 - 1966 Year abroad as scholarship-holder at the Wenner-Gren Institute for Experimental Biology at Stockholm University, Sweden
- 1961 - 1965 Senior assistant at the Botanical Institute of Halle University, GDR
- 1961 Obtained Ph.D. (in botany) at Halle University, GDR
- 1958 - 1961 Assistant at the Institute of General Botany at Halle University, GDR
- 1958 Graduated in biology
- 1952 - 1957 Biology degree studies at Halle University, GDR

Functions in Scientific Societies and Committees (selection)

- 1998 - 2010 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Beckurts Foundation, Munich, Germany
- 1994 - 1998 Member of the Board of Trustees of the German Botanical Society
- 1994 - 1996 Chairman of the Scientific Commission of the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat), and Chair of the Research Committee
- 1991 - 1997 Member of the German Council of Science and Humanities
- 1991 - 1995 Member and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the German National Academic Foundation
- 1990 - 2003 President of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, re-elected in 1997 (previously: 1978 - 1987 Secretary, 1987 - 1990 Vice President of Natural Sciences)
- 1972 - 1980 Member of the Board of the Biological Society of the GDR
- 1969 - 1979 Member of the Board of the Biochemical Society of the GDR
- 1966 - 1975 Member of the Biochemistry Central Working Group of the Research Council of the GDR, then member of the Biochemistry and Technology Central Working Group until 1985

Honours and Awarded Memberships (selection)

- 2007 Hans Olaf Henkel Prize (Award for Science Policy) of the Leibniz Association
- 2007 Honorary member of the German Botanical Society
- 2003 Cothenius Medal of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- 2002 Honorary doctorate in natural sciences from the Faculty of Biology at the University of Würzburg, Germany
- 2002 Honour goblet from the City of Halle, Germany
- 1998 External member of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Crakow, Poland
- 1997 Federal Cross of Merit, First Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 1994 Associate member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 1992 External member of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine
- 1992 Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Salzburg, Austria
- 1991 External member of the Academy of Public Sciences, Erfurt, Germany
- 1990 Member of the Academia Europaea, London, UK
- 1990 Walter Friedrich Medal of the Academy of Sciences of the GDR
- 1989 Corresponding member of the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 1988 Corresponding member of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences
- 1982 Corresponding member (full member in 1988) of the Academy of Sciences of the GDR
- 1978 Full member of the Saxonian Academy of Sciences in Leipzig, Germany
- 1974 Member of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina