



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Place of Birth	St. Gallen, Switzerland
	Citizen of Neuendorf, SO
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## EDUCATION

1969 – 1973	Gymnasium in Berne/Neufeld
1974 – 1979	Study, University of Berne, Switzerland
1979	MS - Plant Physiology
1984	Ph.D. - Plant Molecular Biology, University of Berne
1985	Diploma: High School Teacher (Gymnasium) in Biology

## POSITIONS HELD

1977 – 1984	Research Assistant, Institute for Plant Physiology, University of Berne, Switzerland
1979	Research Fellow, Michigan State University (USA), Grant from the Ciba-Geigy Foundation
1984 – 1987	Group Leader, National Research Program 14 (Project: Physiological impact of air pollution on lichens), Institute for Plant Physiology, University of Berne
1984 – 1987	High School Teacher (Gymnasium), Biel, Switzerland Subjects: Biology, Physics and Chemistry
1987 – 1990	Program Manager, Swiss Science and Technology Council Project: „Early Warning System in Science Policy – Long term Trends in Science and Technology“
1990 – 1995	Counselor for Science and Technology, Embassy of Switzerland, Washington, D.C., USA
1995 – 2002	Head of International Affairs, Office of the State Secretary for Education and Research:

Establishment of a national technology transfer foundation for all Swiss universities; negotiation of a bilateral research agreement with the EU; co-author of the first white paper on Switzerland's international science Policy; establishment of a global network of science diplomats; establishment of the first Swiss Science Consulate, SHARE/swissnex in Boston, USA; extensive contacts with governments, universities and industries around the world.

- 2001 Visiting Fellow at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University, Blacksburg, VA; USA  
Establishment of Virginia Bioinformatics Institute, VBI
- 2002 – 2008 Consul General and Director of the first Scientific Consulate of Switzerland, Swissnex Boston in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- 2009 – Founder and President of “International Initiatives Inc. – TRIPLEYE”, a Swiss based consulting firm, serving universities, colleges and high tech companies in their development of a global vision and competitive portfolio

## **OFFICES**

- 1979 – 1992 Member of the Swiss and European Societies of Plant Physiology
- 1987 – 1990 Member of the Swiss Club of Science Journalists
- 1990 – 2000 Member of the American Technology Transfer Society
- 2003 – 2008 Guest lecturer at Harvard, MIT and other Boston Area Universities
- 1990 – 2008 Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2004 – 2008 Member of Virginia Bioinformatics Institute Policy Advisory Board
- 2008 – Advisory Board Member, Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, AmCham – Boston Chapter
- 2009 – Board Member, AmCham – Ticino Chapter
- 2010 – Vice-Chairman, AmCham – Ticino Chapter

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author and co-author of numerous scientific publications, as well as many articles and reports in newspaper, magazines and books