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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- born 1967 in Dessau (Germany)
- married, one child
- nationality: German

PROFILE

I am a researcher and teacher in the field of epigenetics with international working experience in industry, university and research institutes. My current research interest is to understand the relative importance of the genome and the epigenome as a source of heritable phenotypic variation in evolution. My responsibilities included - besides research - teaching of undergraduate and graduate students, supervision of technical staff and postdoctoral fellows, and grant writing. I have been working as reviewer for the journals NAR, BioTechniques BMC Bioinformatics, Mol. Carcinogenesis, JBB, PloS One and others since 2003. I am member of the DNA methylation society, the French Society for Bioinformatics and permanent Member of the German Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professeur des Universités (Full Professor) University of Perpignan (2013 - present)

Research: We see epigenetics and genetics as a whole and attempt to decipher the relative importance of both inheritance systems in the co-evolution of symbionts and hosts in parasitic and non-parasitic interactions (e.g. *Schistosma mansoni*, *Biomphalaria spp.* and *Pocillopora damicornis*)

Teaching: Epigenetics (Master), Cell Biology, Microbiology, Animal Physiology. (Licence)

Maître de Conférence (Associate Professor) University of Perpignan (2007 - 2013)

Research: My group is interested in the role of epigenetics in evolution and the impact of environmental changes on the epigenotype. Our study model are systems in which selective pressure is strong and evolution is fast (e.g. the human blood fluke *Schistosma mansoni* and the coral *Pocillopora damicornis*)

Teaching: Epigenetics, Applied Bioinformatics, (Master), Cell Biology, Microbiology, Animal Physiology. (Licence)

ATER (Attaché temporaire d'enseignement et de recherche) with Prof. G. Mitta, University of Perpignan (2006 – 2007)

Research: The impact of induced epimutations on the phenotypic variability of the blood fluke *Schistosoma mansoni* was studied. Phenotypic variability is the basis of infection success of this human parasite. *Teaching:* Lectures in Epigenetics (Master 1 and 2), Practical classes in Animal Physiology. (Licence)

PostDoc with Prof. A. Hüttenhofer, University of Innsbruck (Austria) 2006

Alexander Hüttenhofer is an expert in the field of generation of libraries of non-coding RNA. I learned the technique of RNA immunoprecipitation using antibodies against fibrillarin and MeCP2, and cloned the immunoprecipitated RNA into cDNA libraries.

PostDoc with Dr. A. De Sario, IGH Montpellier (head: Dr. M. Mechali) (France) 2002 - 2005

Bisulfite genomic sequencing, chromatin immunoprecipitation experiments and chromatin modifying drugs were used to investigate DNA methylation and chromatin structure in the pericentromeric region

of human chromosome 21. I identified a characteristic chromatin substructure and proposed this structure as the boundary between pericentromeric heterochromatin and euchromatin. DNA hypomethylation at a specific locus in this region was found to be cancer-specific, and was patented as a new early tumor marker.

PostDoc with Dr. G. Roizes, IGH Montpellier (head: Dr. J. Demaille) (France) 2000 - 2002

Transformation-associated-recombination (TAR) cloning in yeast was used to clone the centromere of a truncated human chromosome 21 in order to generate a human artificial chromosome. The project was abandoned after an American group published the successful TAR cloning of a human centromere.

researcher with Prof. A. Rosenthal, IMB Jena (Germany) 1999

Creation of the DNA methylation database MethDB (www.methdb.net).

PhD student with Prof. A. Rosenthal, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena (Germany) 1995 - 1998

During my PhD thesis I investigated tissue-specific DNA methylation patterns in human DNA by a large-scale approach. Part of my PhD thesis I did in the laboratory of Dr. Susan Clark (CSIRO Sydney, Australia). I improved the original bisulfite conversion method for the detection of methylated cytosine residues, developed bioinformatics tools for the data analysis, and could show that DNA methylation patterns are locus and tissue specific, but do not depend on transcription level. Defense of the thesis took place 15/12/1999.

PreDoc with Dr. T. Kudo, RIKEN Tokyo (Japan) 1994 - 1995

In order to investigate non-cultivable micro-organisms in the hind-gut of termites, phylogenetically conserved loci were amplified by PCR, sequenced and analyzed by family-tree-building algorithms. Based on the sequence analysis, species were proposed and matched to the corresponding sequence by *in-situ* hybridization.

PreDoc with Dr. H-J. Schönfeld, Hoffmann-LaRoche, Basel (Switzerland) 1994

Identification of the molecular ratio of members of the hsp70 chaperone system for protein folding.

FUND RAISING EXPERIENCE

year	source	project	sum
2010 – 2014	ANR EPIGEVOL	Epigenetic and genetic mechanisms of adaptive evolution	270 000 €
2004	BioSTIC	DNA methylation database	5 000 €
2002	Génopole LR	MethDB	8 000 €
1999 – 2002	Klaus-Tschira-Foundation		34 000 €

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

public	field	type	location
high-school students	genetics, biotechnology	summer course	Marburg (Germany)
Master students	molecular genetics, epigenetics, bioinformatics	lecture	Jena (Germany), Perpignan (France)
Licence	Cell Biology, Animal Physiology, Microbiology	Lecture, Practical classes	Perpignan (France)

SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

year	name	level	project
2012-present	David Roquis	PhD	The molecular basis of <i>Dauermodifikation</i> in invertebrates
2011-present	Sara Fneich	PhD	Nature and heritability of epiallels in the <i>Schistosoma Biomphalaria</i> interaction
2010	Cécile Perrin	PostDoc	Cloning and sequencing of promotor regions of the polymorphic <i>SmPoMuc</i> gene family
2009-2012	Julie Lepesant	PhD	The role of epigenetics in the generation of phenotypic variability in <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> and its impact on infection success
2008-2009	Virginie Thuillier	Master 1 & 2	Analysis of epigenetic variability in the steelhead trout, Generation of a genomic library of <i>S.mansoni</i>
2008	Laura Cluzel	Master 1	Measuring DNA methylation by MS-AFLP
2007-2008	Céline Cosseau	PostDoc	Epigenetic control of phenotypic variability in <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>
2007-2008	Azzi Abdelhalim	Master 1 & 2	Epigenetic control of phenotypic variability in <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>
2001 – 2004	several students	PhD students	bisulfite treatment of genomic DNA

2003	Vincent Negre	ingénieur d'étude	LDAS server for MethDB
2003	Guillaume Granier	DEA	DNA methylation analysis in colon cancer
2003	Magalie Colomines	Maîtrise	antibody-based DNA methylation detection
2002	Matthieu Cubells	DEA	generation of artificial human chromosomes by TAR cloning
2002	Céline Amoreira	DESS	on-line submission system for MethDB
2000 – 2002	Dr. Eric Renault	PostDoc	data annotation in MethDB

EDUCATION

- Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena & Max-Delbrück-Centre Berlin (Germany) Diploma, 1993 - 1994
- Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena (Germany) 1992 - 1993
- Kings College London (UK) 1992
- Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena (Germany) 1988 - 1991

SKILLS

biology

Bisulfite sequencing, chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP), RNA immunoprecipitation, cloning, protein purification, Fluorescence in-situ hybridisation (FISH), RT-PCR, quantitative PCR, mammalian cell culture, *S.mansoni* culture

bioinformatics

Galaxy, Massive sequencing analysis, Gbrowse, FileMakerPro, Perl, HTML, PHP as administrator; sequence analysis software as user

languages

German, English, French (fluent); Russian, Japanese (basic)

PUBLICATIONS

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PATENTS

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