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Since May 2015 Prof. Dr. Michael Hoch has been Rector of the University of Bonn. He studied biology at the Ruprecht-Karls-University in Heidelberg and received his doctoral degree (Dr. rer. nat.) in 1992 at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich. He spent his postdoctoral phase at the Max-Planck-Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen, where he became an independent group leader in 1994, following this with a Habilitation and *Venia legendi* in *Developmental Genetics and Cell Biology* at the Technical University of Braunschweig in 1996. In 1999 he became full Professor and chair for *Molecular Development Biology* at the University of Bonn. In 2006, he became the founding director of the Life & Medical Sciences (LIMES)-Institute of the University of Bonn and the founding Head of the Division *Molecular Biomedicine* of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Bonn. He was speaker of several large funding programs of the German Research foundation and member of the Steering Committee of the Cluster of Excellence “ImmunoSensation”. Furthermore, he was founder and coordinator of the German Undergraduate Study Program of excellence in “Molecular Biomedicine” (Diplom). Prof. Hoch served as a reviewer on several scientific committees including the postdoc program of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Minerva Fellowship Committee of the Max-Planck-Society for the promotion of German/Israeli research and the PhD Fellowship program of the German National Merit Foundation. Prof. Hoch received several awards and in 2017 the Waseda University Tokyo conferred an honorary doctorate upon him.