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Career history

01/2015 – 12/2022

Centre for Development
Research (ZEF), University of
Bonn, Germany

Managing Director

ZEF, University of Bonn, Germany

10/2013 – to date

ZEF, University of Bonn,
Germany

Director

Part of ZEF's triple directorate and responsible for the Division
Ecology and Natural Resources Management.

2005 – 09/2013

International Centre of
Insect Physiology and
Ecology (*icipe*) in Nairobi,
Kenya

Director General

Director General and CEO of the International Centre of Insect
Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) in Nairobi, Kenya, and since
2006 also Director Research & Partnership of *icipe*; providing
strategic leadership in all areas of the Centre; key fundraiser
of *icipe*; strong involvement in project development and grant
mobilization; outreach and partnership development

2002 - 2005

Leibniz University Hannover,
Institute of Plant Diseases
and Plant Protection

Assistant / Associate / Professor for Applied Entomology and
Plant Protection

Research project development, internationalisation of the
Faculty, fundraising, teaching, MSc and PhD student
supervision; co-coordination of the Faculty's interdisciplinary
project on protected vegetable production in Bangkok,
Thailand; additional project work in Colombia, Cameroon,
Vietnam and PR China

2000 - 2001

Justus-Liebig University,
Faculty of Agriculture,
Institute of Phytopathology
and Applied Zoology

Interim Professor for Applied Zoology

Research project development, teaching, MSc and PhD
student supervision.

1992 - 1997

International Institute for
Tropical Agriculture (IITA),
Biological Control Centre for
Africa, Cotonou, Benin

Postdoc, Associate and Senior Scientist

Development of integrated control technologies, with a
particular emphasis on biological control, of the larger grain
borer, an invasive post-harvest pest of maize and cassava in
Africa. I commenced as Post-doc in phase I of this multi-
country project, to become the Coordinator in phase II

Recognitions and awards

2011 International Plant Protection Award of Distinction

- Adjunct Professor, University of Tokyo, Japan (2022)
- Fellow, African Academy of Sciences (AAS)
- Fellow, Royal Entomological Society (UK)
- Fellow, Entomological Society of America (ESA)
- President International Branch of the ESA (2011-2012)
- Vice-President International Branch of the ESA (2010 – 2011)
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria (2020-2023)
- Editor-in-Chief *International Journal of Tropical Insect Science*
- Member Editorial Board *Bulletin of Entomological Research*
- Member Advisory Board *East African Agricultural and Forestry Journal*
- Regular scientific reviewer for various international peer-reviewed journals

Selected invited talks and keynotes

Plenary, XXth International Plant Protection Conference (IPPC), Athens, Greece (2024)

Invited Lecture at University of Tokyo, Japan (2008)

HUCE Seminar, Harvard University's Centre for the Environment (2012)

Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (2012)

Tropentag, Bonn, Germany (2011)

Sawicki Lecture, Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, UK (2010)

World Food Prize, Des Moines, USA (2010)

Society for Vector Ecology, Belek, Turkey (2009)

Swedish Agriculture University, Uppsala, Sweden (2009)

Invited Lectures at Kyushu, Kyoto and Tokyo Universities, Japan (2008)

Oxford University, UK (2007)

Memberships and activities in public/civic/international affairs

Founding Member, Consortium of National Health Research (CNHR), Kenya

German Council for Research on Tropical and Sub-tropical Agriculture (ATSAF)

Entomological Society of America (ESA)

African Academy of Sciences (AAS)

International Organisation for Biological Control (IOBC)

Royal Entomological Society, UK

South African Entomological Society

African Association of Insect Scientists

German Society for Basic and Applied Entomology (DGaaE)

German Society for Phytomedicine (DPG)

External science reviewer/evaluator for:

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany

External reviewer, Volkswagen Foundation, Germany

External reviewer, Swiss Institute for Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland

External reviewer, CABI, Wallingford, UK (2x)

Education/ Academic Positions

1979 - 1985	Diploma in Agricultural Engineering. Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany
1986 - 1991	PhD in Horticulture (major in entomology). Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
1999	Habilitation in Plant Health. Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
2000 - 2001	Interim Professor for Applied Zoology, Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, Germany
2004	Professor for Applied Entomology and Plant Protection. Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
June / July 2009	Senior Leadership Program. IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland
2013	Professor for Ecology and Natural Resources Management. University of Bonn, Germany

Languages

German	Mother tongue
English	Excellent / fluent
French	Very good / fluent
Spanish	Good

Publications

>275 publications in peer-reviewed journals; h-index 57, > 12k citations

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