

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Epidemiologist, male (he/him), born in in Berlin/Germany

PRESENT APPOINTMENT

Since Feb. 2024 Head of the Institute “Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases”
at the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES).
TOR (selection):

- ♦ Surveillance of notifiable infectious diseases.
- ♦ Conducting and coordinating outbreak investigations at national level, providing support in outbreak investigations at state or local level.
- ♦ (Alternate) NFP for Threat Detection and Scientific Advice Coordination

PAST APPOINTMENTS

2015-2024 Head of Unit “Surveillance and Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases”,
State Office for Health and Social Affairs, Berlin, Germany,
(from 2015-2016 also Head for Water Safety and Environmental Health).

2007 – 2014 Senior epidemiologist at the German National Institute for Public Health
(**Robert Koch Institute**), Division of Zoonoses, Viral Gastroenteritis and
Tropical Infectious Diseases.

2006 – 2007 Epidemiologist at the Robert Koch Institute, Division of Communicable
Respiratory Diseases. Employed for enhanced influenza surveillance.

2004 – 2006 Fellow of the “**European Program for Intervention Epidemiology Training**”.
Hosted at the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, National Public Health
Service for Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom.

1999 – 2004 Epidemiologist at the Robert Koch-Institute, Germany. Manager of the project
“Emerging Foodborne Pathogens in Germany”.

CONSULTANCIES / MISSIONS for WHO

2017&2023 Technical Expert (areas food safety, immunization, surveillance, zoonoses) in
JEE missions (2017 Latvia, 2023 Azerbaidshan).

2014 Short-term consultant (5 weeks) at **WPRO**, Division of Emerging Disease Surveillance
and Response, TOR (selection): Event-based surveillance and risk assessment,
IHR duty officer, member of event management teams.

2008 Short-term consultant (**WHO-Euro**), technical mission to Montenegro to assist in the
investigation of a massive gastroenteritis outbreak in Podgorica, Montenegro

EDUCATION and QUALIFICATION

2011	Habilitation (PhD-equivalent) in Epidemiology and Public Health , Medical University Center ‘Charité’, Berlin, Germany. Thesis: “ <i>Epidemiologic investigations for prevention and control of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli illnesses.</i> ”
2010	Board certified in Epidemiology from the German Society of Epidemiology.
2004	Board certified as Specialist Registrar in Veterinary Epidemiology (“Fachtierarzt für Epidemiologie”) by the Berlin Chamber of Veterinarians.
1998 – 1999	Master of Science in Epidemiology , University of Guelph, Department of Population Medicine, Guelph/Ontario, Canada. Thesis: “ <i>Associations among antimicrobial usage and resistance in fecal Escherichia coli of weanling pigs.</i> ”
1995 – 1998	Doctoral degree (“Dr. med. vet.”), Free University of Berlin, Germany, Department of Food Safety. Thesis: “ <i>Applicability of the impedance technique for antimicrobial residue testing.</i> ”
1994	Granted the license to practice veterinary medicine and to bear the title of a veterinarian (“Approbation”), Berlin Chamber of Veterinarians.
1987 – 1994	Graduation in veterinary medicine (DVM-equivalent), Free University of Berlin, Germany.

TEACHING and TRAINING

2014-2023	Supervisor in Bachelor- Master- und Doctoral programs, particularly in the field of Epidemiology at the Charité (Berlin School of Public Health)
2006-2023	Teaching Epidemiology and Statistics in different study programs at the Charité (e.g. MSc-programme in International Health)
2006-2023	Supervisor for participants in field epidemiology programs (German FETP and EPIET)

EXPERT PANELS

RKI	Member of an expert panel, advising the Robert Koch Institute on the introduction of the German electronic notification system (since 2016)
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment	Member of a national expert panel on food safety and consumer protection (2008-2012)
EFSA	Member of the working group on foodborne outbreak reporting (2008 – 2012)

AWARDS

2022	Berlin Administration Award (category: “Innovative service for the public”) for daily COVID-19 reporting during the pandemic, awarded by the Mayor of Berlin.
1997	“Promotional Award in Food Research”, awarded by the Stockmeyer Foundation for Food Research, Germany
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