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Positions

2002-to date Head of Department, Department of Genetic Epidemiology in Psychiatry, CIMH Mannheim
1995-2002 Head of the Clinical Genetics Section, Dept. of Psychiatry, Univ. of Bonn
1995-2002 Consultant, Dept. of Psychiatry, Univ. of Bonn
1991-1995 Research Fellow, Dept. of Psychiatry and Neurology, Univ. of Bonn
1988-1991 Research Fellow, Inst. of Human Genetics, Univ. of Bonn
1984-1987 Research Fellow, Dept. of Surgery; Univ. of Marburg

Education/Qualifications

2000 Habilitation: Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms University Bonn, Prof. W. Maier
1998 Medical Board Qualification for Psychotherapy
1996 Registration for Medical Genetics
1995 Medical Board Qualification for Psychiatry
1988 Dissertation: Medicine, Phillips-University Marburg, Prof. W. Slenczka

Research fields and main work areas

- Identification of genetic and environmental risk factors for psychiatric disease, mainly affective disorders, schizophrenia, and alcohol dependence
- Refining phenotype-genotype correlations across diagnostic categories
- Epigenetics
- Ethics in psychiatric-genetic research

Activities in the scientific community, honors, awards

- Heidelberg Academy of Sciences
- National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- Board of Directors (Vice President), The International Society of Psychiatry Genetics (ISPG)
- Academy for Ethics in Medicine
- Member of the Executive Board in TMF e.V. ("Technology, Methods, and Infrastructure for Networked Medical Research -eV")(2010-2013)