

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Since 2012 **Full Professor** of Microbiology at ETH Zurich, Switzerland
2006-2012 **Associate Professor** of Microbiology at ETH Zurich, Switzerland
2001-2006 **Independent Group leader** CNRS (Laboratoire des Interactions Plantes Microorganismes), Toulouse, France (exchange program Max-Planck-Society/CNRS)
2002 Habilitation in Microbiology. Philipps-University, Marburg, Germany
1999-2001 **Group leader**, Max-Planck-Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology, Marburg, Germany
1998 **Postdoc**, University of Washington, Seattle, USA (Supervisor: Prof. M.E. Lidstrom)

EDUCATION

1994-1997 **PhD** (Dr. rer. rat.) Max-Planck-Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology, Marburg, Germany
Supervisor: Prof. R. Thauer. "Summa cum laude"
1991-1994 **Master** of Science Biology (Diplom) at the Philipps University, Marburg, Germany
1989-1991 Undergraduate studies Biology (Vordiplom) at the University of Bonn, Germany

AWARDS

2024 Elected international member of the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
2024 Feodor-Lynen medal of the German Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (GBM)
2020 ERC Advanced Grant (SYMBIOSES)
2019 Elected member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO)
2015 Elected member of the European Academy of Microbiology (EAM)
2015 ERC Advanced Grant (PhyMo)
2012 Elected member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
2012 "Researcher of the Month", Foundation Gen Suisse
2005 Phyllosphere 50th Anniversary conference presentation award, Oxford
1999 PhD thesis award of the German Society for General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM)
1998 Otto-Hahn medal of the Max-Planck-Society for outstanding young scientists

INSTITUTIONAL AND ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Since 2020 Co-Director Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Microbiomes
2020-2022 Director of Studies, Department of Biology, ETH Zurich
2018-2020 Initiator and coordinator of the biology curriculum reform "Biology according to first principles" (*de novo* design of the BSc biology curriculum ETH Zurich D-BIOL)
2018-2020 Chair, Institute of Microbiology, ETH Zurich
2018-2020 Postdoc mentor / career advisor Scientific Staff Association of D-BIOL, ETH Zurich
2017-2022 Steering committee, Functional Genomics Center Zurich (FGCZ)
2015-2022 Member of Teaching Commission D-BIOL, ETH Zurich
2014-2019 Study advisor Microbiology and Immunology, D-BIOL, ETH Zurich
2014-2018 Member of Steering board Center for Adaptation to Changing Environments, ETH Zurich
2014-2017 Member of Steering board Genetic Diversity Center, ETH Zurich
2010-2012 Chair, Institute of Microbiology, ETH Zurich
Since 2009 Member of Selection committees Professorships ETH Zurich (8 in total)

INTERNATIONAL BOARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2019-2023 Board of Directors of the Internatl. Society for Molecular Plant Microbe Interactions (MPMI)
2017-2022 Board of Directors of the Internatl. Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME)
Since 2015 Member of the European Academy of Microbiologists
Since 2012 Member of AcademiaNet, Expert Database of Outstanding Female Scientists and Scholars
Since 2007 Member of the International Society for Molecular Plant Microbe Interactions (MPMI)
Since 2006 Member of the Swiss Society for Microbiology (SGM/SSM)
Since 1998 Member of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM)
Since 1994 Member of the German Society for General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES (annual, SS=Spring semester, FS=Fall semester)

Bachelor lecture "Fundamentals of Biology 1: From Molecules to the Biochemistry of Cells" for biology, biochemistry, interdisciplinary sciences and pharmaceutical science students (20 hours (FS) ≈ 300 participants)
Bachelor and master Concept lecture "Microbiology" (14 hours (SS) ≈ 90 participants)
Master course lecture "Microbial Biochemistry" (14 hours (SS) ≈ 35 participants)
Bachelor Biology 1 practical course, part microbiology (8 days by lab members, 300 participants)
Bachelor Block course "Plant Microbiomes" (4-week practical course (SS) 8 participants)
Bachelor Block course "Engineering Bacterial Metabolism" (4-week practical course (FS) 6 participants)

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2022 LOC/SOC: ISME-18 Lausanne, Switzerland 2022; Latsis Symposium Origin and Prevalence of Life, Switzerland; International Phyllosphere Microbiology Conference, Davis, USA
2019 Co-Chair Banbury meeting The Plant Microbiota (Cold-Spring Harbor Laboratory), New York, USA
2017 Chair EMBO conference Bacterial Networks, Sant Feliu, Spain
2017 Co-Organizer EMBO Plant Microbiota workshop, Cologne, Germany
2015 Co-Chair ESF/EMBO conference Bacterial Networks, Sant Feliu, Spain
2015 Chair 10th International Symposium on Phyllosphere Microbiology, Monte Verità, Switzerland
2012 Chair Gordon Research Conference "Molecular basis of microbial one carbon metabolism", USA
2010 Co-Chair Gordon Research Conference "Molecular basis of microbial one carbon metabolism", USA

EDITOR AND EDITORIAL BOARDS

Since 2014 Microbiology and Molecular Biology Reviews (MMBR) (Editor)
2013-2019 Applied and Environmental Microbiology (Editorial Board)
2011-2020 Environmental Microbiology (Editorial Board)
2013-2021 ISME J. (Editorial Board)
2017-2018 Current Opinion Microbiology (Guest Editor)
2006-2013 Microbiology (Editor)

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS

Since 2020 MiCRop, Microbial Imprinting for crop resilience, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
2014-2022 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) committee Advanced Postdoc program
2013-2021 AgBiome, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
2012-2021 Max-Planck-Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany
2008-2017 German Collection for Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ), Braunschweig, Germany
2008-2014 German Research Foundation (DFG); Priority program "Biological transformations of hydrocarbons in the absence of oxygen"

INVITED LECTURES (*selection 2017-2024*):

Feodor Lynen Lecture, Mosbacher Kolloquium, The microbiome – from Understanding to Modulation, Mosbach, Germany 2024 • **New Frontiers in Plant Biology**, CBGP, Madrid, Spain 2024 • **FEMS congress** (plenary), Hamburg, Germany 2023 • **Gordon Research Conference on Molecular Basis of Evolution**, Easton, USA, 2023 • **Novo Nordisk Foundation Science cluster conference Plant Microbe Interactions** (keynote), Favrholt, DK, 2022 • **Targeting Mitochondria**, Berlin, Germany, 2022 • **Novozymes Plant Biology**, Tübingen, Germany, 2022 • **ISME conference** Lausanne, Switzerland, 2022 • **International Phyllosphere Microbiology Conference**, Davis, USA, 2022 • **Canadian Soc Phytopathol Annual meeting** (keynote) (virtual), 2022 • **Harnessing the Plant Microbiome** - Nature Conference, virtual - host UC Davis, USA, 2021 • **EMBO EMBL Symposium: New Approaches and Concepts in Microbiology**, virtual - host EMBL, 2021 • **CSHL Single Cell Analyses Meeting**, New York, USA, 2019 • **EMBO conference Bacterial Networks**, Sant Feliu, Spain, 2019 • **Engineering Life**, Dresden, Germany, 2019 • **Molecular Plant Microbe Interactions**, Glasgow, UK, 2019 • **FEMS Microbiology congress**, Glasgow, UK, 2019 • **SEB meeting**, Sevilla, Spain, 2019 • **Banbury meeting**, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, New York, USA 2019 • **One2many**, Weizmann Institute, Israel, 2018 • **How microbes view their world**, Marburg, Germany, 2018 • **2nd International Plant Microbiome Symposium**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2018 • Private learning session "Plant Microbiomes" **Bill Gates**, Seattle, USA, 2018 • **Gordon Research Conference "Applied and Environmental Microbiology"**, Mount Holyoke, USA, 2017 • Plenary Lecture, **American Society for Microbiology (ASM) General Meeting**, New Orleans, USA, 2017 • **Novo Nordisk conference**, Data-driven Biotechnology conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2017 • **VIB conference**, Frontiers in Plant Biology, Ghent, Belgium, 2017 • **Microbiota Symposium**, Osnabrück, Germany, 2017

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Since 2006 20 postdocs; 28 PhD students as supervisor and 45 as committee member; 35 master theses and 80 semester theses (ETH Zurich, Department of Biology, Switzerland)
ETH medal for their outstanding PhD theses: Christoph G. Gäbelein (2023), Johannes Hartl (2019), Daniel B. Müller (2017), Andreas Kaczmarczyk (2015).
2001 - 2006 2 postdocs, 2 PhD students, 2 master theses (CNRS / Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse)
1998 - 2001 2 PhD students (MPI Marburg / Philipps University Marburg, Germany)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EARLY CAREERS OF EXCELLENT RESEARCHERS (examples)

Sebastian Pfeilmeier (Postdoc 2018-2022), now Assistant Professor University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
• Johannes Hartl (PhD student 2014-2018), now group leader Charité Berlin, Germany • Tobias J. Erb (Postdoc 2011-2012 and Ambizione group leader, SNSF 2012-2014), now Director Max-Planck-Institute for terrestrial Microbiology, Germany) • Mitja Remus-Emsermann (Postdoc 2011-2014), now Associate Professor Free University Berlin, Germany) • Claudia Knief (Postdoc, Research Associate 2005-2011), now Associate Professor University of Bonn, Germany • Julia Frunzke (EMBO long-term Fellow 2008-2009), now group leader Research Center Jülich and Associate Professor University of Düsseldorf, Germany • Benjamin Gourion (PhD student and postdoc, 2004-2009); now CNRS, Research Associate CR1, LIPME Toulouse, France • Carlos Nieto Penalver (PhD student, 2001-2005); now Conicet / Professor University of Tucuman, Argentina)

PUBLICATIONS

h-index (scholar): 79; *i10-index* 170; total 24950

In total 180 articles and reviews; 4 book chapters and 4 patents, including *Nature*, *Science*, *Cell*, *Cell Host Microbe*, *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature Microbiology*, *Nature Catalysis*, *Nature Metabolism*, *Nature Genetics*, *Nature Plants*, *Nature Ecology Evolution*, *Nature Methods*, *Nature Chemical Biology*, *Nature Struct Mol Biology*, *Nature Communications*, *PNAS*, *PLOS Biology*, *PLOS Genetics*, *ISME J.*, *Current Biology*

10 Selected original publications:

Reiter MA*, Bradley T*, Büchel LA, Keller P, Gassler T, Vorholt JA (2024) A synthetic methylotrophic *Escherichia coli* as a chassis for bioproduction. *Nature Catalysis* doi.org/10.1038/s41929-024-01137-0
Schäfer M*, Pacheco AR*, Künzler R, Field CM, Vayena E, Hatzimanikatis V, Vorholt JA (2023) Metabolic interaction models recapitulate leaf microbiota ecology. *Science* 381 (6653) eadf5121.
Chen W*, Guillaume-Gentil O*, Rainer PY, Gäbelein CG, Saelens W, Gardeux V, Klaeger A, Dainese R, Zachara M, Zambelli T, Vorholt JA#, Deplancke B# (#equal senior authors) (2022) Live-seq enables temporal transcriptomic recording of single cells. *Nature* 608:733-740.
Gäbelein CG, Feng Q, Sarajlic E, Zambelli T, Guillaume-Gentil O, Kornmann B, Vorholt JA (2022) Mitochondria transplantation between living cells. *PLOS Biology* 20:e3001576.
Pfeilmeier S, Petti GC, Bortfeld-Miller M, Daniel B, Field CM, Sunagawa S, Vorholt JA (2021) NADPH oxidase RBOHD is required for microbiota homeostasis in leaves. *Nature Microbiol* 6:852-864.
Carlström CI, Field CM, Bortfeld-Miller M, Müller B, Sunagawa S, Vorholt JA (2019) Synthetic microbiota reveal priority effects and keystone strains in the *Arabidopsis* phyllosphere. *Nature Ecol Evol* 3:1445-1454.
Guillaume-Gentil O, Grindberg R, Kooger R, Dorwling-Carter L, Ossola D, Pilhofer M, Zambelli T, Vorholt JA (2016) Tunable single cell extraction for molecular analyses. *Cell* 166, 506-516.
Bai Y*, Müller DB*, Srinivas G*, Garrido-Oter R*, Potthoff E, Rott M, Dombrowski N, Münch PC, Spaepen S, Remus-Emsermann M, Hüttel B, McHardy A, Vorholt JA#, Schulze-Lefert P# (#equal senior authors) (2015) Functional overlap of the *Arabidopsis* leaf and root microbiota. *Nature* 528:364-369.
Erb TJ*, Kiefer P*, Hattendorf B, Günther D, Vorholt JA (2012) GFAJ-1 is an arsenate-resistant, phosphate-dependent organism. *Science* 337:467-470.
Delmotte N*, Knief C*, Chaffron S, Innerebner G, Roschitzki B, Schlapbach R, von Mering C, Vorholt JA (2009) Community proteogenomics reveals insights into the physiology of phyllosphere bacteria. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 106:16428-16433.

3 Selected review articles:

Vorholt JA, Vogel C, Carlström CI, Müller DB (2017) Establishing causality: Opportunities of synthetic communities for plant microbiome research. *Cell Host Microb.* 22:142-155.
Müller DB, Vogel C, Bai Y, Vorholt JA (2016) The plant microbiota: Systems-level insights and perspectives. *Annu Rev Genetics* 50:211-234.
Vorholt JA (2012) Microbial life in the phyllosphere. *Nature Rev Microbiol.* 10:828-840.