



Curriculum Vitae Professor Dr. Martin Heisenberg



Name: Martin Heisenberg
Born: 7 August 1940

Academic and Professional Career

- 2010 - 2013 Senior-Professor, Rudolf Virchow Center, Würzburg, Germany
- 1975 - 2009 Professor of Genetics, Head of Department of Genetics, Institute of Genetics and Microbiology, Würzburg University, (since 1992: Biozentrum; Theodor Boveri Institute for Bioscience; since 2000: Professor for Genetics and Neurobiology)
- 1975 Visiting Research Fellow, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA
- 1968 - 1975 Research Assistant, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen (with Karl-Georg Götz), Germany
- 1966 - 1968 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, California Institute of Technology (with Max Delbrück), USA
- 1964 - 1966 Ph.D., Biochemistry, Tübingen University, Germany
- 1959 - 1964 Diplom in Chemistry, Tübingen University, Germany

Functions in Scientific Societies and Committees (Selection)

- 2008 - 2012 University Board, Technische Universität Ilmenau, Germany
- 2007 - 2013 Board of Trustees, of Leibnitz Institute for Neurobiology, Magdeburg, Germany
- 2007 - 2010 President, International Society of Neuroethology

since 2001 Editorial Board, Genes, Brain and Behavior
since 1993 Editorial Board, Learning & Memory
since 1990 Editorial Board, Neuroscience Research
since 1989 Associate Editor, J. Neurogenetics
1983 - 1989 Editorial Board, J. Neurogenetics

Honours and Awarded Memberships (Selection)

2009 Honorary Doctorate, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France
2006 Karl Ritter von Frisch Medal, Germany
2001 Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Germany
1999 Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Germany
1998 Academia Europaea
1989 German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Major Scientific Interests

Since 1968 MH investigates brain and behaviour of *Drosophila* using genetics in neuroethology. His early studies of the fly visual system are summarized in a book "Vision in *Drosophila*" (1984; with R. Wolf). He currently focuses on visual pattern recognition, the localization of memory traces, the role of initiating activity in operant conditioning, selective attention, and motivation. His goal is to establish a basic behavioral model of the brain.