



Curriculum Vitae Professor Dr. Christof Niehrs

Name: Christof Niehrs
Born: 29 April 1962
Family Status: married



Academic and Professional Career

- since 2010 Executive & Scientific Director of the Institute of Molecular Biology Mainz (IMB),
Germany
- 2010 W3 Professor at Mainz University, Faculty of Biology, Germany
- 2008 - 2010 Co-Director of the “DKFZ-ZMBH Allianz”, Germany
- 2006 - 2008 Chair of the Scientific Council at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) ,
Germany
- 2004 - 2010 Coordinator of the DKFZ Research Program Cell and Tumor Biology, Germany
- 2000 Chair of Molecular Embryology, German Cancer Research Center and Heidelberg
University, Germany
- since 1994 Head of Division of Molecular Embryology, German Cancer Research Center,
Germany
- 1997 Habilitation, Faculty of Biology, Heidelberg University, Germany
- 1990 - 1993 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, USA
- 1986 - 1990 Ph. D., European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Heidelberg, Germany

1981 - 1985 Diploma in Biochemistry, Freie Universitaet Berlin, Germany

Honours and Awarded Memberships (Selection)

- 2012 Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences and Literature Mainz
- 2009 ERC Senior Investigator Grant
- 2007 Member of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 2003 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Award (German Research Foundation)
- 2003 Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- 2002 Research Award of the Federal State of Baden-Wuerttemberg
- 2001 Otto Mangold Award of the German Society of Developmental Biology
- 2000 EMBO Gold Medal Award
- 1999 Biology Award of the Academy of Sciences, Goettingen, Germany
- 1999 EMBO Member
- 1998 Freudenberg Award of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Germany
- 1979 2nd price in state-wide competition "Jugend forscht"

Major Scientific Interests

Research is concerned with frog and mouse development and the underlying molecular mechanisms. The two focal points are cell-cell communication by Wnt signaling and epigenetic regulation by DNA demethylation.