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Studies/Positions

Since 02/2020	Full-Professor (W3) for Biophysical Imaging and Director, Institute of Innate Immunity, Medical Faculty, University of Bonn
2020-2021	Managing Director Institute of Innate Immunity
01/2017 – 02/2020	Professor (W2) for Biophysical Imaging, Institute of Innate Immunity, Medical Faculty, University of Bonn
01/2014 – 12/2016	Max Planck Research Group Leader, Minerva Max Planck Research Group “Molecular Physiology”, caesar, Bonn
06/2014	Habilitation in Molecular Biomedicine, University of Bonn
10/2009-12/2013	Project Group Leader, caesar, Bonn
01/2007-09/2009	Postdoctoral research fellow, Laboratory of Molecular Signaling, Babraham Institute, Cambridge, UK
06/2006-12/2006	PostDoc (after PhD), Research Center Jülich
06/2003-05/2006	PhD thesis, Institute for Biological Information Processing, Prof. U.B. Kaupp, Research Center Jülich Promotion Biology (Biochemistry), University of Cologne (<i>summa cum laude</i>)
10/1998-06/2003	Diploma in Biology (grade: 1.0), University of Cologne
2013 - 2017	<i>Ombudsperson caesar</i>

Awards/Fellowships/Memberships

Since 2022	Member of the Ciliopathy Alliance
2020	Teaching prize, Natural Science Faculty, University of Bonn
2020	Life & Health Research Prize, University of Bonn
since 2020	Member TRA1 and TRA3, Excellence University, Bonn
2019 - 2025	Core Member Excellence cluster “ImmunoSensation ² ”, Bonn
since 2019	Member Reviewer panel “la Caixa” Foundation
since 2019	Member Editorial Board PLOS Biology
2012 - 2018	Member Excellence Cluster “ImmunoSensation”, Bonn
since 2013	Metra-Program, University of Bonn
10/2008 – 12/2009	Junior Research Fellowship, Wolfson College, Cambridge, UK
09/2007	<i>Blue Riband Prize</i> of the Physiological Society, UK
06/2003 – 05/2006	PhD Fellowship of the Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds
06/2006	PhD thesis <i>summa cum laude</i>

Patents

Jikeli JF., Wachten D. (2016) “Strahlführungseinheit” (102016116620.0)
Wachten, D., Jansen, V., Mukherjee, S., Seifert, R., Kaupp, U.B. (2015/16) „Verfahren zum Nachweis von Liganden vermittelt Biosensoren“ (PCT/EP2016/070937, 102015115640.7)

Coordinating Functions

Since 2021	Board member University Foundation, University of Bonn
since 2021	Chairwoman Dekanatskommission Core Facilities and Bonn Technology Campus

2020-2022	Speaker Bonner Forum Biomedicine
2018-2022	Site coordinator TRR83/SFB
since 2018	Steering Committee “Nanobody Facility”, University Hospital Bonn
since 2018	Member “Engerer Fakultätsrat” Medical Faculty
since 2017	Prüfungskommission Bachelor program “Life & Medical Sciences”
since 2017	Bonfor-Committee, SciMed- and BoNI-Program
since 2017	HET- Committee (experimental animals)
since 2017	Steering Committee “Imaging Facility”, University Hospital Bonn
since 2016	Board Member Bonner Forum for Biomedicine

Manuscript reviewer for 30 journals and Editorial Board Member Plos Biology; *Ad hoc* reviewer for the German Research Foundation (DFG), European Research Council (ERC), Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP), Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds, ANR (France), NWO (The Netherlands), la Caixa Fellowship program, Helmholtz Foundation

Promotion of young scientists

- Metra-Program, Mentoring for female scientists, University of Bonn
- Mentoring Program for International Female Scholars, University of Cologne

Grants

2022 – 2025	Schlüsselprojekt, Else-Kröner-Fresenius Stiftung (2021.EKFSE.53)
2022 – 2025	SFB/TRR333 BAT energy , project leader P10
2021 – 2024	SFB1454 Metaflammation , Analyzing the role of primary cilia in metaflammation
2019 – 2025	Excellence Cluster ImmunoSensation²
2018 – 2019	BonFOR – SciMed Program
2018 – 2021	FOR2743 “Mechanical Stress Protection” , Analyzing Cytohesin function in mechanical stress protection
2018 – 2022	TRR83 “Molecular architecture and cellular functions of lipid/protein assemblies” , Lipid-protein interactions in the primary cilium
2017 – 2020	SPP1726 “Microswimmer – from single particle motion to collective behavior” WA3382/2-1 , “Analyzing the role of cAMP in controlling the flagellar beat using optogenetics”
2017 – 2018	Exploration Grant, Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation
2016 - 2019	SPP1926 “Next generation optogenetics” WA3382/3-1 , “Analyzing the physiological function of cAMP in primary cilia using optogenetics”
2014-2018	Minerva Max Planck Research Group
2015-2018	DFG project grant WA3382/1-1 „Analysis of Creld1 function in the heart“
2015-2018	Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Az.10.15.1.026MN „Investigating the role of GBA2 in locomotor dysfunction“
2013-2016	Sonderforschungsbereich 645 (SFB645) INST 217/555-2 “Regulation and manipulation of information flow within dynamic protein and lipid environments”. Project leader B9: “Der Einfluss von GBA2 und Glukosylceramid auf zelluläre Dynamiken unter physiologischen und pathologischen Bedingungen“
2014	Maria-von-Linden Program , University of Bonn
2014	Heraeus-Foundation Lab retreat „Hütten-Seminar“
2014	Infrafrontier EU Mouse Production

Organization of Conferences

2020	Co-Organizer Cilia2020, Cologne
2018	Organizer TRR83 Annual Meeting, Bonn
2018	Co-Organizer SPP1926 3 rd Annual Meeting & Summer School, caesar, Bonn

- 2014 Co-Organizer 4th International caesar Conference „Sensory Systems – from Molecules to Function”, caesar, Bonn
- 2011 Co-Organizer 1st International caesar Conference „Sperm signaling and motility”, caesar, Bonn

Invited talks (selected)

- ACSB meeting, USA (2021)
- DGZ Meeting, Münster, Germany (2021)
- FASEB catalyst conference, PKD (2021)
- FASEB conference Cilia Biology, Snowmass, Colorado, USA (2019)
- FEBS Sphingolipid conference, Lisbon, Portugal (2019)
- EMBO Workshop on Cilia, Copenhagen, Denmark (2018)
- Society for Study of Reproduction, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA (2018)
- Gordon Research Conference, Glycolipid and Sphingolipid Biology, Galveston, USA (2018)
- Invited Lecture German Society for Genetics, Annual Meeting (2017)
- Chemical Biology Lecture Series, University of Leiden, The Netherlands (2017)
- Batsheva Seminar: Challenges and frontiers in reproduction, Weizman Institute, Israel (2016)
- ETW2016: European Testis Workshop, Saint-Malo, France (2016)
- Lorentz Workshop: Optogenetics: from molecules to application, Leiden, The Netherlands (2016)
- 6. DVR-Kongress (Dachverband Reproduktionsbiologie und -medizin), Hamburg, (2015)
- Gordon Research Conference, Fertilization and Initiation of Development, Holderness, USA (2015)
- Channelrhodopsin and Optogenetics, Würzburg (2014)

Further Education

- 2011-2015 Leadership seminar Kempkes/Gebhard
- 2010 Project leader course
- 2007 FELASA course (UK)

Listed for Professorships

- 2019 W3 “Zellphysiologie”, University of Hohenheim, listed on 1, declined
- 2017 W2 “Biophysical Imaging”, University of Bonn, listed on 1, accepted
- 2017 W3 “Zellphysiologie”, University of Bochum, listed on 3
- 2016 W3 “Anatomie/Entwicklungsbiologie”, University of Mannheim/Heidelberg, listed on 2
- 2016 W3 “Biochemie/Molekularbiologie”, UKE, Hamburg, listed on 3

Publications (10 selected)

1. Hansen, J.N., Kaiser, F., Leyendecker, P., Stüven, B., Krause, J.H., Derakhshandeh G., S.F., Jaazba, I., Sroka, T.J., Preval, K.M., Desai, P.B., Kraut, M., Theis, H., Drews, A.D., De-Domenica, E., Händler, K., Pazour, G.J., **Mick, D.U., Wachten, D.** A cAMP signalosome in primary cilia drives gene expression and kidney cyst formation. *EMBO Rep.* (2022), 43(5):366-378. doi: 10.1016/j.it.2022.03.001.
2. **Wachten, D.,** Mick, D.U. Signal transduction in primary cilia – analyzing GPCR and second messenger signaling. (2021) *Pharmacol. Ther.* 224:107836. doi:10.1016/j.pharmthera.2021.10783
3. Hansen, J.N., Kaiser, F., Klausen, C., Stüven, B., Chong, R., Bönigk, W., Möglich, A., Mick, D.U., Jurisch-Yaksi, N., Schmidt, F.I., **Wachten, D.** Nanobody-directed targeting of optogenetic tools reveals differential regulation of cilia length. (2020) *eLife*, 9:e57907, doi: 10.7554/eLife.57907.
4. Mukherjee, S., Jansen, V., Jikeli, J. F., Hamzeh, H., Alvarez, L., Dombrowski, M., Balbach, M., Strünker, T., Seifert, R., Kaupp, U. B., and **Wachten, D.** (2016) A novel biosensor to study cAMP dynamics in cilia and flagella. *eLife* 5 doi: 10.7554/eLife.14052
5. Raju, D., Schonauer, S., Hamzeh, H., Flynn, K. C., Bradke, F., Vom Dorp, K., Dörmann, P., Yildiz, Y., Trötschel, C., Poetsch, A., Breiden, B., Sandhoff, K., Körschen, H. G., and **Wachten, D.** (2015) Accumulation of glucosylceramide in the absence of the beta-glucosidase GBA2 alters cytoskeletal dynamics. *PLoS Genet.* 11, e1005063
6. Jansen, V., Alvarez, L., Balbach, M., Strünker, T., Hegemann, P., Kaupp, U. B., and **Wachten, D.** (2015) Controlling fertilization and cAMP signaling in sperm by optogenetics. *eLife* 4 doi: 10.7554/eLife.05161
7. *Mass, E., ***Wachten, D.**, Aschenbrenner, A. C., Voelzmann, A., and Hoch, M. (2014) Murine Creld1 Controls Cardiac Development through Activation of Calcineurin/NFATc1 Signaling. *Dev. Cell* 28, 711-726
8. *Drawnel, F. M., ***Wachten, D.**, Molkentin, J. D., Maillet, M., Aronsen, J. M., Swift, F., Sjaastad, I., Liu, N., Catalucci, D., Mikoshiba, K., Hisatsune, C., Okkenhaug, H., Andrews, S. R., Bootman, M. D., and Roderick, H. L. (2012) Mutual antagonism between IP3RII and miRNA-133a regulates calcium signals and cardiac hypertrophy. *J. Cell Biol.* 199, 783-98
9. **Harzheim, D.**, Movassagh, M., Foo, R. S. Y., Ritter, O., Tashfeen, A., Conway, S. J., Bootman, M. D., and Roderick, H. L. (2009) Increased InsP(3)Rs in the junctional sarcoplasmic reticulum augment Ca²⁺ transients and arrhythmias associated with cardiac hypertrophy. *PNAS* 106, 11406-11411
10. **Harzheim, D.**, Pfeiffer, K. H., Fabritz, L., Kremmer, E., Buch, T., Waisman, A., Kirchhof, P., Kaupp, U. B., and Seifert, R. (2008) Cardiac pacemaker function of HCN4 channels in mice is confined to embryonic development and requires cyclic AMP. *EMBO J.* 27, 692-703