

Martin Zenke, PhD, Professor of Cell Biology

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Personal Data

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University Education

1979 - 1982	Graduate studies in Molecular and Cell Biology, Institute for Virus Research, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg, Germany
1972 – 1978	Studies in Chemistry/Biochemistry and Medicine, Philipps-University, Marburg, Germany

Academic Qualifications

1992	Lecture qualification (Habilitation) in Molecular Genetics, Faculty of Life Sciences, Vienna University, Vienna, Austria
1982	PhD, Faculty of Life Sciences, Ruprecht-Karls-University, Heidelberg, Germany
1978	Diplom (Master), Chemistry/Biochemistry, Philipps-University, Marburg, Germany

Scientific Career

since 2003	Professor of Cell Biology (C4) and Chairman, Institute for Biomedical Engineering, Department of Cell Biology, Faculty of Medicine and Helmholtz Institute for Biomedical Engineering, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany
2011 - 2014	Managing Director Helmholtz Institute for Biomedical Engineering (3 years term), RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany
1995 - 2003	Research Group Leader (C3), Max-Delbrück-Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC), Berlin, Germany
1988 - 1995	Junior Scientist and Group Leader, Institute of Molecular Pathology (IMP), Vienna, Austria
1985 - 1988	EMBL Fellow and Staff Scientist, Differentiation Programme, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Heidelberg, Germany
1982 - 1985	Postdoctoral Fellow (DFG), Université Louis Pasteur, Faculté de Médecine, Strasbourg, France

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Functions

Editorial Board *Journal Biological Chemistry*

Member of “*Gene Technology Monitoring Program*” of Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Berlin, Germany (since 2013)

Initiator and coordinator of *StemCellFactory* project (www.stemcellfactory.de; since 2010)

Member of “*Central Ethics Committee for Stem Cell Research*”, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and Federal Ministry of Health (BMG), Berlin, Germany (since 2008)

Secondary affiliation at the Faculty of Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany (since 2005)

Steering Committee “*Stem Cell Network North Rhine-Westphalia*”, Düsseldorf, Germany (since 2004)

Ad hoc Review Activities (Journals, selection):

Genes & Development, EMBO Journal, Blood, Development, EMBO Reports, Nature Biotech., Nature Rev. Mol. Cell Biol., Genome Biol., J. Gene Med., Gene, J. Mol. Med., J. Cell Sci., Int. J. Biochem. Cell Biol., Oncogene, Differentiation, Cancer Letters, Immunobiology, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA, BBA, Cells Tissues Organs, Mol. Thera., PLoS Biology, Exp. Hematol., J. Biochem., J. Immunol., PLoS ONE, Trends Biotechn., Exp. Opin. Biol. Ther., Stem Cells; Eur. J. Cell Biol., Dev. Biol., Nucl. Acid Res., Stem Cells Dev., PLoS Genomics, J. Biol. Chem., Scientific Reports, Immunity, J. Exp Med., Nature Commun., Nature Immunol., Stem Cell Reports

Ad hoc Review Activities (Institutions, selection):

European Commission, Brussels, Belgium; German Research Foundation (DFG), Bonn, Germany; Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP), Strasbourg, France; Ministere de la Recherche de la France, Paris, France; NOW-Council, Earth and Life, Den Haag, The Netherlands; Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds, Ingelheim, Germany; Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Vienna, Austria; Center National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France; National Medical Research Council (NMRC) Singapur; Norwegian Research Council, Oslo, Norway; Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Madrid, Spain; Medical Research Council (MRC), London, UK; Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn, Germany; Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA; European Research Council (ERC), Brussels, Belgium

Important publications

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