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Born: 1955, Tlemcen (Algérie)



EDUCATION

1979-1980 Ophthalmology residency at A. Rothschild Foundation, Paris
1980-1984 University of Strasbourg Medical School (Neurology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology)
1980 Medical Degree-Paris University Medical School (Jury congratulations, Thesis medal)
1981 Oto-Neuro-Ophthalmologic Radiology University Degree
1984 Ophthalmology Degree – National Board

Post-doctoral studies

1984-1988 Clinical fellow, Department of Ophthalmology, Louis Pasteur University Hospital, Strasbourg.
1984-1988 Chef de Clinique des Universités- Medical School- Louis Pasteur University Hospital, Strasbourg.
1986-1987 Research Fellow in Ophthalmology (Pr D.M Albert)- Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary - Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
Visiting Scholar in Biology (Pr J.E. Dowling) - The Harvard Biological Laboratories - Department of Cellular and Developmental Biology – Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

1987-1992 Visiting Lecturer in Ophthalmology - Department of Ophthalmology- Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
1988-2002 University Professor of Ophthalmology – Strasbourg University (1st class since 1999)
1993-1995 Visiting Professor - Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Wisconsin - Madison – USA
2001 Honorary Professor - Institute of Ophthalmology - University College London.
2001- Cumberlege Chair: Professor of Biomedical Sciences - Institute of Ophthalmology-University College London.
2002- University Professor of Ophthalmology – Paris (VI) Pierre and Marie Curie University.

HOSPITAL POSITIONS

1988-2001 Hospital full time staff, Ophthalmology - Ophthalmological Clinic – Strasbourg University Hospital
09/2001- Hospital staff, Ophthalmology – Quinze-Vingts National Ophthalmology Hospital, Paris.
Chairman Department of Ophthalmology – Quinze-Vingts National Ophthalmology Hospital, Paris.
Chairman Department of Ophthalmology and Vitreo-retinal Diseases – Ophthalmology Foundation A. de Rothschild.

HOSPITAL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

1988-2002 Director of the Eye Pathology Laboratory -Louis Pasteur University-Strasbourg
1994-2001 In charge of the Functional Unit "Segment postérieur et Oncologie" Ophthalmological Clinic – Strasbourg University Hospital
01/2005- Head of the Clinical Investigation Center – CIC 503 INSERM Quinze-Vingts National Ophthalmology Hospital.
11/2005- Director National Reference Center for Inherited Retinal Dystrophies/CIC/ Quinze-Vingts National Ophthalmology Hospital.
In charge of 3 Clinical Research Hospital Programs: phenotype/genotype correlation, cellular therapy in retinal dystrophies (1995, 1997, 2000).

RESEARCH ACITIVITIES and COORDINATION of EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMS

1999-2002 Head of INSERM EMI 99-18 – UPRES EA 24-10: Cellular and Molecular Physiopathology of the retina – Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg.
2002- Head of UMR INSERM-UPMC 592: Cellular and Molecular Physiopathology of the retina, St-Antoine Hospital, Paris.
2003- Co-founder of European Vision Institute, EEIG.
2004- Scientific head of GIS-VISION.
2005- Coordinator of the Vision Research National Program (Inserm). (Sensory organs since 2007).
2005- Directeur Scientifique de l'Institut de la Vision – CHNO des Quinze-Vingts.
2006- Head of the "Voir et Entendre" Institut Carnot
2007- Head of the "Voir et Entendre" Scientific cooperation Foundation
2007-2012 Coordinator of the Foundation Fighting Blindness Paris Research Center

EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMS:

2000-2003 Coordinator of the concerted action « *NeuroPROtection in the RETina* » – **PRORET**
2001-2004 Coordinator of the R&D program « *PROtection against AGEing in the RETina* » **PRO-AGE-RET**
2005-2008 Coordinator of the Integrated project « *Functional GENOMIC of the RETina* » **EVI-GENORET**

PRIZES and AWARDS

Thesis medal (1980), *Prix IPSEN de la Recherche* (1985), *Fondation pour la recherche thérapeutique* (1986), Research To Prevent Blindness International Scholar Award (1990), *Prix de la recherche de la Société française d'ophtalmologie* (1990), *Prix de parrainage de la Fondation Alsace* (1994), Ophthalmologist of the Year 1998 (Abstract Ophthalmo, Paris) (1998), Golden medal : *Mérite Typhlophile, Paris* (fight against blindness) (2001), *Prix « Coup d'élan » de la Fondation Schuller-Bettencourt* (2002), *Ordre national du mérite* (2003), Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB), Trustee Award. (2005), Grand Prix Emilia Valori (2005), *Académie des Sciences, Grand Prix scientifique de la Fondation NRJ - Institut de France* (2006), Alcon Award - Alcon Research Institute (2006).