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Education

1952-1958 Realgymnasium Zürich

1958 Matura

1958-1965 Studies in Zoology
University of Zürich

1963 Diploma in Zoology
Title: Radar Studies on Bird Migration

1965 Ph.D. (summa cum laude)
Dept. of Zoology (Prof. E. Hadorn)
Title: Transdetermination of Antennal Discs in *Drosophila*

Professional Experience

1963-1967 Research Associate
University of Zürich (Prof. E. Hadorn)

1967-1968	Postdoctoral fellowship of the Swiss National Science Foundation Yale University (Prof. Alan Garen)
1968-1969	Postdoctoral fellowship from the Jane Coffin Childs Fund Yale University (Prof. Alan Garen)
1967-1969	Visiting Assistant Professor Dept. of Molecular Biophysics, Yale University
1969-1972	Associate Professor Dept. of Anatomy and Dept. of Molecular Biophysics Yale University
1972-2009	Full Professor Dept. of Cell Biology, Biozentrum, University of Basel
2009	Professor emeritus

Academies

National Academy of Sciences USA (Foreign Associate)
 Royal Society London (Foreign Member)
 Académie des Sciences (Foreign Member)
 Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
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 Academia Europaea

Professional Societies

Member of	EMBO (European Molecular Biology Organization) EDBO (European Developmental Biology Organization) American Association for the Advancement of Science The Genetics Society of America ISDB (International Society of Developmental Biologists) Sigma XI The Scientific Research Society Swiss Society for Cell Biology, Molecular Biology and Genetics (ZMG)
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Editorial Activities

Associate Editor of	The Journal of Experimental Zoology Mechanisms of Development Trends in Genetics Development, Growth & Differentiation
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The International Journal of Developmental Biology

Advisory Boards

Institute of Medical Radiobiology, University of Zürich & Paul Scherrer Institute
Schlumberger Stiftung, Fondation Les Treilles
National Institute of Genetics, Mishima, Japan

Research Interests

Genetic Control of Development: Homeotic Genes, Cell Determination and Differentiation, Eye Morphogenesis and Evolution

Special Lectures

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| 1979 | Jenkinson Memorial Lecture, Oxford |
| 1985 | Ernst Hadorn Lecture, Heidelberg |
| 1985 | Sigma Xi Lecture, Yale |
| 1985 | Friday Evening Lecture, Woods Hole |
| 1986 | Theodor Boveri Lecture, Würzburg |
| 1986 | Harvey Lecture, New York |
| 1987 | Feulgen Lecture, Basel |
| 1988 | Bernard Cohen Lecture, Philadelphia |
| 1990 | From DNA to Body Plan, Lectures at the Collège de France |
| 1990 | Jean Brachet Lecture, Bruxelles |
| 1992 | Nirenberg Symposium "Genes and Development: 25 years after deciphering the genetic code", Bethesda/Maryland |
| 1993 | Terry Lectures at Yale University |
| 1994 | Werner Heisenberg Vorlesung der Siemens Stiftung München |
| 1994 | Darwin Prize Lecture Series, University of Edinburgh |
| 1995 | Runnström Lecture, University of Stockholm |
| 1995 | International Institute of Advanced Studies, Kyoto |
| 1996 | 10. Hartmann Müller-Gedächtnisvorlesung, Zürich |
| 1997 | Viktor Hamburger Lecture, Washington University, St. Louis/Missouri |
| 1998 | Wolfgang Pauli Lecture, ETH Zürich |
| 1998 | The Bourke Lecture, Boston University |
| 1998 | Marker Lectures, Pennsylvania State University |
| 1999 | Keynote Lecture, European Developmental Biology Conference, Oslo, Norway |
| 1999 | Keynote Lecture, Howard Hughes Meeting, Washington D.C. |
| 1999 | Stadtler Lecture, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas |
| 2000 | Warner-Lambert Lecture, Society for Neuroscience, Florida |
| 2001 | Jeanne Mitchell Watson Lecture, University of Chicago |
| 2002 | Keynote Lecture, Combio Conference, Canberra |

2002	Dupont Lecture, Research Laboratories, Division of Neurobiology,
2003	Arizona
2004	Rachford Lecture, Children's Hospital Research Foundation, Cincinnati
2004	Inaugural Lecture for the Academic Year 2003, University of Costa Rica
2004	Edds Lecture, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
2005	Norman Giles Lecture, Athens, Georgia
2005	Keynote Lecture, Genomes and Evolution 2004, Pennsylvania State
2006	University
	Les Rencontres d'ISIS, Strasbourg
2007	Peter-Hemmerich-Vorlesung, Konstanz
2007	Woolsey Lecture, Center for Neuroscience Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin
	Vienna, Darwin Lecture Series, University of Vienna, Austria
	Mendel Lectures, Augustinian Abbey, Academy of Sciences, Brno, Czech Republic

Honors

1985	Frank Lillie Fellow, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole
1986	Election to the US National Academy of Sciences
1987	Election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
1987	Election to the Leopoldina (Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher)
1989	Election to the Academia Europaea
1989	Election to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
1991	Election to the Fellow of the American Assoc. Adv. Sciences (AAAS)
1994	Orden pour le Mérite für Wissenschaften und Künste, Bundesministerium des Inneren, Deutschland
1997	Election to Foreign Member of The Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge
1998	Election to the French "Académie des Sciences"
2003	Dr. med. honoris causa, University of Torino, Italy
2003	Dr. med. honoris causa, Universität Nuevo Léon, Mexico
2007	Ehrenmitgliedschaft Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Basel
2007	Dr. honoris causa de l'Université Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC) en Sorbonne
2008	Dr. honoris causa of the University of Salento, Italy
2009	Dr. honoris causa of the University of Barcelona
2010	Grosses Bundesverdienstkreuz mit Stern der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Prizes

1982	Otto Naegeli-Prize
1986	Warren Triennial Prize (Harvard Medical School)
1986	Dr. Albert Wander Preis (Wander AG. Bern)
1986	Prix Charles-Léopold Mayer (Institut de France, Paris)

1987	Prix Louis Jeantet de Médecine (Fondation Jeantet Genève)
1987	Gairdner Foundation International Award (Canada)
1993	Prix d'Honneur Science pour l'Art, Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton, Paris
1995	Runnström Medal, Stockholm
1996	1994-95 AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize for outstanding research article in <i>Science</i>
1996	Otto Warburg-Medaille 1996, Gesellschaft für biologische Chemie (GBCh) Munich
1997	Prix Paul Wintrebert, Université Pierre & Marie Curie, Laboratoire Arago, Banyuls-sur-Mer, France
1997	Mendel-Medal, Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina
2000	March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology, awarded by March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, White Plains, NY
2000	Karl Ritter Von Frisch-Medaille 2000, Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft, Bonn
2001	Kyoto Prize, The Inamori Foundation, Japan
2002	Preis der Alfred Vogt Stiftung zur Förderung der Augenheilkunde, Zürich
2004	Premio Balzan, Fondazione Internazionale Premio E. Balzan for Developmental Biology Alexander Kowalevsky Medal, St. Petersburg Society of Naturalists, St. Petersburg, Russia

Publikationen

Suga, H., Tschopp, P., Graziussi, D.F., Stierwald, M., Schmid, V. & Gehring, W.J. (2010). Flexibly deployed Pax genes in eye development at the early evolution of animals demonstrated by studies on a hydrozoan jellyfish. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **107**: 14263-14268.

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