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### University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart

1979 – 1984	MSc in Agricultural Biology
1984 – 1988	PhD in Plant Breeding
Thesis: "Autofertility and degree of cross-fertilization as crucial traits in breeding <i>Vicia faba</i> L. <i>minor</i> (small-seeded faba bean)"	
1986 (Vienna)	Kurt-von-Rümker-Award
1988 – 1994	Assistant Professor (C1) Supervisors: Peter Ruckebauer & Albrecht Melchinger Graduation to Dr. habil.
Thesis: "Breeding method in case of partial allogamy"	
1994 - 1995	Research Associate at the State Plant Breeding Institute

### Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Division of Plant Breeding Methodology

Heads: 1995-2018: H. Becker. **2018-2023: T. Beissinger.** **2023-2024: A. Schierholt**

1995 - today	<i>Venia legendi</i> for "Plant Breeding"
1999	Lecturer and researcher
2025	Nomination 'apl. Professor'
2024 - 2026	Postponement of pension by one year
1995 - 2026	Interims head of this Division
	Supervised twenty-five PhD theses (further ones in cooperation). Publication of 124 reviewed manuscripts and book chapters.

2009 - 2025: Subject Editor (Topic 'Breeding Research in Grain Legumes' for 'Journal of Plant Breeding'. 240 manuscripts; 30% rejected, 20% major revision.

Best publication so far: DOI 10.1111/j.1439-0523.1993.tb00561.x 'The concept of varietal ability'

Most laborious publ. so far: DOI 10.5073/JfK.2022.01-02.01 'NIRS for vicine and convicine content of faba bean seed allowed GWAS to prepare for marker-assisted adjustment of seed quality of German winter faba beans'

Second-most laborious publ. so far: DOI 10.2135/cropsci2015.08.0503 'Association analyses to genetically improve drought and freezing tolerance of faba bean *Vicia faba*)'

Publication I like most so far: [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/48273.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/48273.html). 'Visualisation of the genotypic structure of partially allogamous populations' (*alias* 'Poster at my door').

Most out-of-the-box publication so far: [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/48273.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/48273.html).

Research Topic Letter: 'An approach to the genetic improvement of clonal cultivars *via* backcrossing'