

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of Vienna, Habilitation in Ecology	Docent	1992
University of Vienna, Zoology	PhD	1982

THESIS WORK

Ph.D. thesis, University of Vienna: "The feeding behavior of *Actinia equina* (Actiniaria, Anthozoa) under experimental conditions"

Advisor: Prof. Erich Abel

Habilitation thesis, University of Vienna: "Marine snow in the Northern Adriatic Sea:

possible causes and consequences for a shallow ecosystem" Promotor: Prof. Jörg A. Ott

PROFESSIONAL

Professor Emeritus of Biological Oceanography and Marine Biology from 2023 -
Chair of Marine Biology and Head of Unit Bio-Oceanography & Marine Biology at the Dept.
Functional and Evolutionary Ecology at the University of Vienna, Austria
January 2009 - 2023

Adjunct Senior Scientist at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research
January 2009 - 2023

Professor of Biological Oceanography at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
January 1999 - 2009

Head of Department of Biological Oceanography at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea
Research (NIOZ)
April 1997 - Dec 2008

Assistant Professor at the Univ. of Vienna
(Inst. of Zoology, Dept. of Marine Biology) 1994 - 1997

Research Biologist at the Univ. of Vienna
(Institute of Zoology, Dept. of Marine Biology) 1983 - 1994

Post Doctoral Position at Scripps Institution of Oceanography,
Univ. of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California
Advisor: Prof. Farooq Azam 1988 - 1989

BIBLIOMETRICS: (ISI Web of Knowledge, as of 02 Apr 2026) h-index: 77

total number of ISI indexed publications: 319

total number of citations: 23,799

average citation per item: 73.91

number of citations in 2025: 1586

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Marine Microbial and Molecular Ecology with emphasis on structure and function relationships in microbial communities

- Microbial Oceanography (linking the thermohaline circulation to the biogeography of prokaryotes and to biogeochemical cycling of organic matter particularly in the meso- and bathypelagic realm)
- Biotic and abiotic transformation of organic matter in the sea

GRANTS (over the last 15 years)

- 2025: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): The microbiome in the life cycle of jellyfish blooms. Function: PI (€ 543,442)
- 2024: ERC Advanced Grant: Neutrally buoyant particles In the deep sea: turnover, origin and global impact on the marine carbon cycle realm (NEREIDES) (€ 2.841,791) Function: PI
- 2022: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Shedding light on dark ocean's detrital particles. Function: PI (€ 590,247)
- 2022: Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€199,440.96), fellow: Maria Papadatou
- 2020: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Decay of an invasive ctenophore bloom: PI (€ 299,376)
- 2020: EU Project ECOTIP: Arctic biodiversity change and its consequences: assessing, monitoring and predicting the effects of ecosystem tipping cascades on marine ecosystems services and dependent human systems. European Commission: Function: PI (€ 281.237)
- 2019: Lise-Meitner Grant for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€ 159,340), follow: Eduard Fadeev
- 2018: Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€178,156.80), fellow: Tinkara Tinka
- 2017: Grant from the Univ. of Vienna to establish a Research platform on Plastics in the Environment and Society (PLENTY); Function: PI (€ 409,000)
- 2016: Marie Curie Individual Fellowship for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€178,157), fellow: Chie Amano
- 2015: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Architecture of marine snow-associated prokaryotic communities. Function: PI (€441,052)
- 2015: DOC grant of the Austrian Academy of Sciences for a PhD position for 3 years, (€111,000) fellow: Maria Pinto
- 2012: Marie Curie Individual Fellowship for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€180,191), fellow: Pedro Frade
- 2012: Marie Curie Individual Fellowship for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€180,191), fellow: Daniele de Corte
- 2011: Wittgenstein Prize (FWF) (€ 1.500,000)
- 2010: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Microbial activity in the ocean's interior. Function: PI (€ 495,674)
- 2010: ERC Advanced Grant: Microbial Ecology of the Deep Atlantic Pelagic Realm (MEDEA) (€ 2.500,000) Function: PI
- 2010: ESF Eurocores project: Microbial oceanography of chemolithoautotrophic plankton communities (MOCA) (€ 533,000) Function: Coordinator
- 2010: Marie Curie Individual Fellowship for a Post Doc position for 2 years (€165,000): Itziar Lekunberri

Career total (as of 15-04-2026): € 22.926,574.-

TEACHING

- 2009 - 2025 Introduction to Marine Science (fall term, 5 ECTS)
- 2016 - 2022 Microbial Oceanography Course (summer term, 10 ECTS)
- 2016 - 2022 Course: Current topics in Bio-Oceanography (summer term, 6 ECTS)
- 2009 - 2021 Biological Oceanography (fall term, 3 ECTS)
- 2009-2022 Microbial Oceanography (spring term, 3 ECTS)
- 2009-2014 Introductory Course Marine Biology (spring term, 6 ECTS)
- 2010-2014 Advanced Marine Ecology Course (spring and fall term, 10 ECTS)
- 2010-2022 Introduction to Ecology (fall term, 2 ECTS)
- 2000-2009 Introductory course in Marine Science at the Univ. of Utrecht
- 1998-2007 Course in Marine Science within the European College of Marine Sciences (jointly organized by the NIOZ, the MPI for Marine Microbiology, the AWI Bremerhaven and the Univ. of Bremen)
- 1998-2009 Lectures and Courses in Biological Oceanography (Univ. of Groningen, NIOZ)
- 1996 Lecturer at the University of Rostock (Germany): Biogeochemistry of Marine Aggregates
- 1995 Marine Ecology Course, Univ. of Vienna, Austria (Instructor-In-Chief, 10 hours per week)
- 1984-1997 Assistant Instructor in courses of the Institute of Zoology, University of Vienna:
 Introduction to Comparative Anatomy
 Advanced Comparative Anatomy
 Advanced Marine Ecology (held at the Stazione Zoologica di Napoli, Naples, Italy, at the Marine Biology Station Piran, Slovenia and at the Center of Marine Research "Ruder Boskovic" Institute at Rovinj, Croatia)
 Introductory Course to Marine Organisms
- 1990 Instructor of the part of the UNESCO course in limnology: Aquatic Microbial Ecology held at Vienna and Mondsee (Austria)
- 1992-1998 Aquatic Microbial Ecology Course, Univ. of Vienna, Austria (Instructor-In-Chief, 3 hours per week)
- 1990-1997 Nutrient Flux and Biogeochemistry in the world's oceans (class at the Institute of Zoology, Univ. of Vienna, 2 hours per week)
- 1988-now Supervisor of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students (at the University of Vienna, and the University of Groningen, The Netherlands)
- 1988 Instructor of the course of the Institute of Genetics and Microbiology, Univ. of Vienna: Microbial Ecology of Marine Systems (held at the Marine Biology Station at Calvi, Corsica, France)

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS (over the past 15 years)

- 2026 Gordon Conference on Marine Microbes, Barcelona, Spain
- 2026 Bio-Carbon meeting at Glasgow, Scotland
- 2026 Ocean Sciences Meeting at Glasgow, Scotland
- 2025 SAME-18 at Barcelona, Spain
- 2025 Goldschmidt Conference at Prague, Czech Republic
- 2025 Invited Speaker at the One Ocean Science Congress, Nice, France
- 2025 Co-organizer of the session "Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal: Fostering Earth Science Forces for Combating Global Warming" at the European Geophysical Union meeting at Vienna, Austria

- 2025 Keynote lecture at the Xiamen Symposium on Marine Environmental Sciences, Xiamen, China
- 2024 Discussion leader at the Gordon Research Conference on “Marine Microbes” in Les Diablerets (Switzerland) of the session “Microbes in the Deep Sea”
- 2023 Invited speaker at the World Laureate Forum at Shanghai, China
- 2023 Session chair on Deep Sea Microbiology at the ASLO meeting at Palma di Mallorca, Spain
- 2022 Invited Speaker at the Gordon Research Conference on “Ocean Biogeochemistry” at Barcelona, Spain
- 2021 Invited Speaker at the Ramon Margalef summer school: A cross-system view of the biological C cycle in the Anthropocene. (virtual meeting, Barcelona, Spain
- 2019 Invited Speaker at Goldschmidt Conference at Barcelona, Spain
- 2019 Session chair at IMBeR Future Oceans 2 meeting at Brest, France
- 2019 Invited speaker at the Marine Particles and Phycosphere Conference at Lugano, Switzerland
- 2019 Invited speaker and session organizer at the ASLO meeting at San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2017 Invited Speaker at the Mini-Symposium on the International Prize of Biology, Tsukuba, Japan
- 2017 IMBIZO-3 of IMBeR, leading the workshop 2 on metabolic diversity and climate change together with Tatiana Rynearson at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA, USA
- 2017 SAME-15 at Zagreb, Croatia
- 2017 International Conference on Nitrogen (ICoN-5), at Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Invited lecture at 11th International Congress on Extremophiles at Kyoto, Japan
- 2016 Invited lecture at 5th International Workshop on Deep Sea Microbiology at Kyoto, Japan
- 2016 Invited speaker at the Gordon Research Conference on “Marine Biogeochemistry” at HongKong
- 2016 Ocean Sciences Meeting at New Orleans, USA
- 2016 Invited lecture at the Deep-Sea Microbial Ecology Symposium at the Institute of Marine Science at the University of Concepcion, Chile
- 2015: SAME-14 at Uppsala, Sweden
- 2015 ASLO meeting, Granada, Spain
- 2014 International Workshop Geo-Metabolomics: first steps towards a systems biology understanding of organic matter cycling in aquatic systems. Delmenhorst, Germany
- 2014 Session organizer at the Ocean Sciences Meeting at Hawaii
- 2013 Invited speaker SAME-13 at Stresa, Italy
- 2013 Co-Organizer, Session Chair and Speaker at the workshop: Frontiers in Ecological and Evolutionary Genomics, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
- 2013 Session Chair: Hooking up in the Ocean, American Society of Microbiology, Denver, Colorado, US2013 ASLO meeting, New Orleans, USA
- 2012 Invited Speaker at the Biological Pump Workshop (NAACOS seminar) at the National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2012 Invited Speaker at the Microbial Carbon Pump Meeting at Delmenhorst, Germany

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- 2012 Gordon Conference on Marine Microbes at Lucca, Italy
- 2012 Session Chair: 'Shedding light on the dark ocean' at the Ocean Science Meeting at Salt Lake City, USA
- 2011 Invited speaker at the SAME-12 in Rostock, Germany
- 2011 Invited speaker at the EGU meeting in Vienna, Austria
- 2011 Speaker at the ASLO meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2010 Invited speaker and session organizer at the ISME-13 at Seattle, WA, USA
- 2010 Invited speaker at the Gordon Conference on Marine Microbes, Tilton, New Hampshire, USA
- 2010 Invited speaker at the Microbial Diversity and Function Workshop at Banyuls sur mer, France
- 2010 Meeting organizer of ICoMM progress meeting at USC Los Angeles, USA
- 2009 SCOR-meeting on 'The oceanic carbon pump' at Xiamen, China
- 2009 Meeting of the International Census of Marine Microbes (ICoMM) at Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2009 Invited speaker at the Symposium of Aquatic Microbial Ecology (SAME-11) at Piran, Slovenia
- 2009 EGU meeting, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 Session organizer on Deep Sea Microbial Oceanography at the ASLO meeting at Nice, France

POST DOCS

Current:

- Eduard Fadeev, 2019-2028
- Maria Papadatou, 2023-2026
- Kangli Guo, 2024-2026
- Zihao Zhao, 2024-2029
- Shi-Hai Mao, 2025-2027

Past:

- Chie Amano, 2014-2022, 2024-2026 (now: Associate Professor at University of Sapporo, Japan)
- Alessandra Iannino, 2021-2022
- Tinkara Tinta, 2018-2020 (now Senior Researcher at the Marine Biology Station Piran, Slovenia)
- Abhishek Srivastava, 2014-2018
- Eva Sintes, 2002 – 2018 (now Research Professor at the Spanish Oceanographic Institute, IOE, Mallorca, Spain)
- Cristina Romera-Castilla, 2016-2017 (now: scientist at CSIC Barcelona, Spain)
- Roberta Hansman, 2011-2016 (now: scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA)
- Juan A. Garcia, 2011-2016
- Daniele de Corte, 2012-2016 (now: Researcher at NOC, UK)
- Pedro Frade, 2011-2015 (now: Curator at the Natural History Museum, Vienna, Austria)
- Itziar Lekunberri, 2010-2012
- Dominique Lamy, 2009-2011 (now: scientist at the Pierre & Marie Curie-Sorbonne Univ., France)
- Alejandra Calvo-Diaz, 2009-2011
- Taichi Yokokawa, 2007-2010 (now: Senior Scientist at Japan Marine Science and

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Technology, Japan)
Yao Zhang, 2008 (now: Professor at Xiamen University, PR China)
Georgina Spyres, 2006 – 2008 (now: scientist at Hellenic Center for Marine Research at Athens, Greece)
Thomas Reinthaler, 2005 – 2008 (now Senior Scientist at the Dept. Functional and Evolutionary Ecology, Univ. of Vienna, Austria)
Helene Agogue, 2006 – 2008 (now: Research Scientist at Inst. of Sea Research at La Rochelle, France)
Marta Varela, 2005 – 2007 (now: research scientist at Univ. of Coruña, Spain)
Jesus Maria Arrieta, 2005 (now: CSIC Tenerife, Spain)
Karen Stoderegger, 2001 – 2004
Eva Teira, 2002 – 2004 (now: Professor at Univ. of Vigo, Spain)
Markus Weinbauer, 2000 – 2002 (now Senior Scientist at LOV, Villefranche sur mer, France)
Maria Teresa Perez, 2000 – 2001 (now: research scientist at Univ. of Innsbruck, Austria)
Ingrid Obernosterer, 2000 (now: Senior Scientist at LOMIB, Banyuls sur mer, France)

PhD and MSc STUDENTS

Current:

Marilena Heitger, PhD thesis 2022-
Dmytro Spriahailo, PhD thesis 2022-
Guillem Coll Garcia, PhD thesis 2024-
Cassandra Roch, MSc thesis 2021-
Nathalie Koberwein, MSc thesis 2024-
Dacimeda Del Carmen Brito Pena, MSc 2022-
Melinda Koch, MSc 2025-
Akangkha Choudhury, MSc thesis, 2025-
Natascha Lauscher, MSc thesis, 2026-
Tobias Darius Gail-Andreici, MSc thesis, 2026-
Ferdinand Meiss, MSc thesis, 2026-

Past:

Rainer Amon, M.S.thesis 1988 – 1989 (now: Prof. at Univ. of Texas at Austin, Galveston, USA)
Markus Karner, M.S. thesis 1989 – 1991 (now: environmental consulting agency, Singapore)
Alexander Bochdansky, M.S. thesis 1990 – 1992 (now: Prof. at Old Dominion Univ., Virginia, USA)
Elisabeth Kaltenböck, M.S. thesis 1990 – 1992, Ph.D. thesis 1992 – 1998
Markus Moeseneder, M.S. thesis 1992 – 1994, Ph.D. thesis 1994 – 2001
Barbara Berger, M.S. thesis 1991 – 1992, Ph.D. thesis 1992 – 1995
Birgit Hoch, M.S. thesis 1991 – 1992, Ph.D. thesis 1992 – 1995
Jürgen Frick, M.S. thesis 1991 – 1992
Gerald Müller-Niklas, M.S. thesis 1991 – 1993, Ph.D. thesis 1993 – 1996
Gerda Böröcz, M.S. thesis 1992 – 1993
Hannes Rath, Ph.D. thesis 1991 – 1993 (now: research scientist at Univ. of Vienna, Austria)
Andreas Heissenberger, M.S. thesis 1992 – 1993, Ph.D. thesis 1993 – 1996 (now:

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scientist at Environmental Protection Agency, Vienna, Austria)
Doris Slezak, M.S. thesis 1992 – 1994, Ph.D. thesis 1994 – 2000
Ingrid Obernosterer, M.S. thesis 1992 – 1994, Ph.D. thesis 1994 – 2000 (now: senior
scientist at IOB, Banyuls sur mer, France)
Stefan Schuster, M.S. thesis 1993 – 1994, Ph.D. thesis 1994 – 1997
Bettina Reitner, M.S. thesis 1994 – 1996, Ph.D. thesis 1996 – 2001 (now: Austrian
Science Foundation, Vienna, Austria)
Martin Agis, M.S. thesis 1994 – 1996
Edith Kaiser, M.S. thesis 1994 – 1996 (now: Assist. Prof. at Univ. of Zürich,
Switzerland)
Albert Brugger, M.S. thesis 1994 – 1996, Ph.D. thesis 1996 – 2000
Silvia Hager, Ph.D. thesis 1994 – 1996
Clemens Pausz, M.S. thesis 1995 – 1997, Ph.D thesis 1997 – 2002
Karen Stoderegger, M.S. thesis 1995 – 1997, Ph.D thesis 1997 – 2000
Lilly Hocke, M.S. thesis 1996 – 1997
Barbara Dusek, M.S. thesis 1996 – 1997
Iris Kremlizcka, M.S. thesis 1997 – 1998
Christian Winter, M.S. thesis 1998 – 1999, Ph.D. thesis 2000 – 2004 (now: Senior Scientist at
the Dept. of Functional and Evolutionary Ecology, Univ. of Vienna, Austria)
Michael Schauer, M.S. thesis 1998 – 1999
Astrid Schnetzer, Ph.D. thesis 1997 – 2001 (now: Assoc. Prof. at North Carolina State
Univ., USA)
Alexander Domnanovic, M.S. thesis 2000-2001
Timea Szökes-Denes, M.S. thesis 2001 – 2002
Jesus Maria Arrieta, Ph.D. thesis 1996 – 2005 (now: CSIC Tenerife, Spain)
Heidi Pirker, M.S. thesis 2001 – 2004
Thomas Reinthaler, Ph.D. thesis 2000 – 2006, now Senior Scientist at Univ. of Vienna
Anne-Carlijn Alderkamp, Ph.D. thesis 2000-2006
Veronica Parada, Ph.D. thesis 2002-2008
Federico Baltar, PhD thesis 2007-2010, now Assoc. Prof. at Univ. Vienna
Kerstin Olbrich, M.S. thesis 2010-2011
Thomas Griessler, M.Sc. thesis, 2010-2011
Julie Dinasquet, MSc thesis 2007
Daniele de Corte, Ph.D. thesis 2007 – 2011
Adam Klimiuk, Ph.D. thesis 2009-2012
Carl Kruspe, M.S. thesis 2011-2012
Ishraga Usman, Ph.D. thesis 2008 – 2012
Paul Steiner, M.S. thesis 2011-2013, PhD thesis, 2014-2020
Franziska Eibenberger, M.Sc. thesis 2011-2013
Claudia Sulzer, M.Sc. thesis 2011-2013
Beate Husein, M.Sc. thesis 2011-2013
Katharina Roll, M.Sc. thesis 2012-2013
Lisi Scharnreitner, M.Sc. thesis 2013-2013
Pavla Debeljak, M.Sc. thesis 2013-2014; PhD thesis: 2016-2019 (co-supervision with Ingrid
Obernosterer, Univ. of Paris, Sorbonne, now: Assist. Professor at Sorbonne)
Barbara Bayer, M.Sc. thesis 2013-2014, Ph.D. thesis 2014-2019, now Assist Prof. at Univ. of
Vienna
Johanna Tiroch, M.Sc. thesis 2013-2014
Benjamin Pontiller, M.Sc. thesis 2014-2015
Damaris Urban, M.Sc. thesis 2013-2015

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Bettina Glasl, MSc. thesis 2014-2015
Ariana Peterca, MSc. thesis 2015-2016
Alexander Frank, PhD. thesis 2011-2017
Teresa Langer, MSc. thesis 2016-2017
Paula Polania Zenner, MSc. thesis 2017-2018
Kristin Bergauer, PhD thesis 2009-2018, now Junior Group Leader at GEOMAR,
Germany
Gabriela Dangl, MSc thesis 2016-2018
Julia Stefanschitz, MSc thesis 2017-2018
Nicole Köster, PhD thesis 2012-2019
Meriel Bittner, MSc thesis 2017-2019
Lukas Malfertheiner, MSc thesis 2019-2020
Alvaro Escobar, MSc thesis 2019-2020
Maximilian Patraki, MSc thesis 2019-2020
Christian Jansen, MSc thesis 2017-2020
Julia Steiger, MSc thesis 2018-2020
Elisabeth Haberleitner-Clifford, PhD thesis 2013-2020
Maria Pinto, PhD thesis 2016-2020
Jennifer Hennenfeind, MSc thesis 2020-2021
Marion Vial, MSc thesis 2021-2021
Sabine Weidlich, MSc thesis 2020-2021
Zihao Zhao, PhD thesis 2016-2021
Viktoria Keller, MSc thesis 2020-2022
Murat Kisadur, MSc thesis 2018-2022
Cecile Carpaneto, MSc thesis 2022
Lubrina Signe Levin Nilsen, MSc thesis 2022-2023
Dacimoneida del Carmen Brito Peña, MSc thesis 2022
Chiara Colonna, MSc thesis 2023
Julia Wolfer, MSc thesis 2022-2024
Helena Cvetkovic, MSc thesis 2023-2024
Johanna Sonnleitner, MSc thesis 2023-2024
Margarida Reis Perfeito, MSc thesis 2023-2024
Michael Mattner, MSc thesis 2023-2024
Jan Euerling, MSc thesis 2024-2025
Simon Preiss, MSc thesis 2024-2025
Lisa Abele, MSc thesis 2024-2025
Maria Alice Radu, MSc thesis 2024-2025
Linn Ødegaard Yttrelid, MSc thesis 2024-2025
Helena Silberhumer, MSc thesis 2024-2025
Mirjam Aubert, MSc thesis 2022-2025
Sara Joy Bowen, MSc thesis 2023-2025
Vera Hechtl, MSc thesis 2023-2025
Manuela Quiroga, MSc thesis 2024-2025

MEMBER of PhD THESIS COMMITTEES

Current:

Valerio Anelli (ETH Zürich, Switzerland)

Past:

Gabriela Dangl (Institute for Baltic Sea Studies, IOW, Warnemünde, Germany)

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Helene Walch (Univ. Vienna, Austria)
Charlotte Henkel (Univ. Vienna, Austria)
Miguel Cabrera Brufau (Univ. Barcelona, Spain)
Katharina Kitzinger (Max-Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany)
Guillem Salazar (CSIC Barcelona, Spain)
Victor Hernando Morales, (University of Vigo, Spain)
Carlo Berg (University of Rostock, Germany)
Christina Bienhold (Max-Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany)
Clara Ruiz (CSIC Barcelona, Spain)
Christian Stolle (Baltic Sea Institute (IOW, Warnemünde, Germany)
Federico Baltar (University of the Canary Islands, Las Palmas, Spain)
Raffaella Cattaneo (Laboratoire d'Océanographie de Villefranche (LOV)
Birgit Luef (Dept. Limnology, Univ. of Vienna, Austria)
Jasper de Goeij (NIOZ, Univ. Groningen, The Netherlands)
Anne-Claire Baudoux (NIOZ, Univ. Groningen, The Netherlands)
Marjolijn Tijdens (NIOO-CL, Univ. Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Bart Veuger (NIOO-CEME, Univ. Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Cornelia Wuchter (NIOZ, Univ. Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Osana Bonilla (Univ. of Paris, France)
Carol Mancuso Nichols (Univ. of Tasmania, Australia)
Sander Scheffers, NIOZ, Univ. Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Corina P.D. Brussaard, Univ. of Groningen (Netherlands)
Jasper van Hemst, Univ. of Utrecht (Netherlands)
Niels Ekelund, Univ. of Lund (Sweden)
Xavier Mari, Univ. of Paris (France)
Geraldine Kramer, Univ. of Rostock (Germany)
Markus Karner, Univ. of Paris (France)
Bea Hondeveld (Univ. Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Gert-Jan Gast (Univ. Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Tom Battin, Univ. of Vienna (Austria)
Thomas Hein, Univ. of Vienna (Austria)
Wairimu Muia, Univ. of Vienna (Austria)
Herwig Ranner, Univ. Vienna (Austria)
Wolfgang Huber, Univ. Vienna (Austria)
Petra de Goeij, Univ. Groningen (Netherlands)
Peter Boelen, Univ. Groningen (Netherlands)
Jody de Brouwer, Univ. Nijmegen (Netherlands)
Edith Kaiser, EAWAG (Switzerland)
Johanna Waska, Univ. Vienna (Austria)
Andrea Malits, Univ. Vienna (Austria)
Sophie Beauvais (Univ. Paris VI, France)
Daniel Abed-Navandi (Univ. Vienna, Austria)

AWARDS

2024 ERC Advanced Grant
2022, 2023, 2024 Research.com Ecology and Evolution in Austria Leader Award, listed as
the 3rd most cited Austrian scientist in ecology and evolution
(<https://research.com/scientists-rankings/ecology-and-evolution/at>)
2017 ASLO Fellow

- 2014 G.E. Hutchinson Award of ASLO
- 2013 Elected Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 2012 Most cited Aquatic Biologist of Germany, Austria and Switzerland (Labjournal, April 2012)
- 2011 Wittgenstein Prize of the Austria Science Fund (FWF)
- 2011 Corresponding Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 2010 ERC Advanced Grant
- 2006 2006EurOceans Roland Wollast Award for Scientific Achievements 1982: Theodor Körner Award

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Director of the Vienna Doctoral School of Ecology and Evolution of the University of Vienna from 2020-2023
- Vice-Dean of the Fac. of Life Sciences of the University of Vienna from 2018-2020
- Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences of the University of Vienna from 2014-2018
- Deputy Head of the Department of Limnology & Oceanography from 2013-2018
- Head of Division Bio-Oceanography from 2013-
- Head of the Department Marine Biology from 2008-2013
- Director of the PhD program of the Faculty of Life Sciences from 2009-2013
- Director of the Center of Ecology from 2012-2014
- Vice-Director of the Center of Ecology from 2008-2012

SERVICE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

- Member of the Organizing Committee of Xiamen Symposium on Marine Environmental Sciences (XMAS) at Xiamen, China**
- Member of the Austrian Biodiversity Commission, 2025-**
- Member of the G. Evelyn Hutchinson Award Subcommittee of ASLO, 2024-2027**
- Member of Commission of Biodiversity Austria of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, 2024-2029**
- Member of the Austrian Committee of the International Union for Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) 2022-**
- Committee Member of Global Ocean Negative Carbon Emission (ONCE), 2023-**
- Member of the Organizing Committee of the ASLO meeting in Palma di Mallorca, Spain (2023)**
- Head of the External Evaluation Panel of the Biological Department at the University of Cyprus (14-15 Jan 2021)**
- Member of the SCOR working group: Respiration in the Mesopelagic Ocean (ReMO): Reconciling ecological, biogeochemical and model estimates (WG 161, 2020-2026)**
- Head of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Oceanology Observatory of Banyuls sur mer, France (2017-2019)**
- Head of the Scientific Advisory Board of the WasserCluster Lunz, Austria (2012- 2027)**
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Leibniz-Institut für Ostseeforschung Warnemünde (2016-2025)**
- Member of the ESF College of Expert Reviewers (2017-2019)**
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Ocean Clean Up Initiative (2016- 2021)**
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Red Sea Research Center at KAUST, Saudi Arabia (2014-2017)**
- Member of the Vladimir Ivanovich Vernadsky Medal Committee of the European**

- Geosciences Union (2016-2019)**
Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Ruder Boskovic Institute, Zagreb, Croatia (2016-2022)
Member of the Scientific Board of the International Society of Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG), 2015-2017
Member of the Science Steering Committee of IMBER (Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research, co-sponsored by SCOR and Future Earth, 2014-2019)
Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Institute for Chemistry and Biology of the Sea at the Univ. of Oldenburg, Germany, 2008-2011, 2011-2014
Member of the Award Panel at ASLO, 2015-2017
Member of the Review Panel of the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand (May 2015)
Member of the Organizing Committee of the ASLO meeting in Granada, Spain (2014-2015)
Member of the international Organizing Committee of SAME-11, SAME-12, SAME-13, SAME-14, SAME-15, SAME-16, SAME-18
Member-At-Large of the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (2012-2013)
Corresponding Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, May 2011-May 2013
Member of the IMBER/SOLAS working group on Carbon Research from 2005- 2008, expert for the mesopelagic/bathypelagic
Member of the Steering Committee of the International Census of Marine Microorganisms (ICoMM) as part of the Census of Marine Life (CoML) from 2005-2010
Member of the SCOR working group: The Microbial Carbon Pump in the Ocean (2008-2012)
Associate Member of the SCOR working group: Role of viruses in marine ecosystems (2006-2010)
Member of the Advisory Board of the Dutch Marine Facilities of the Dutch Science Foundation from 2003-2005
President of the Microbiology Section of CIESM (Commission of the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea) (2001-2007)
External Reviewer for Applications for Promotion to Full Professor and Tenure positions/ Habilitations for the Univ. of British Columbia at Vancouver (Canada), Univ. of Nice (France), Univ. of Paris VI (France), Univ. of Connecticut (USA), Univ. of Hamburg (Germany), Univ. of Oldenburg (Germany), Univ. of Bremen (Germany), Rutgers State Univ. of New Jersey (USA), State University New York at Stony Brook (SUNY) (USA), Univ. of California Santa Barbara (USA), Univ. of Zurich (Switzerland), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (USA), MIT (USA), Univ. of South Bohemia Ceske Budejovice (Czech Republic), University of Trebon (Czech Republic), Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology (Germany), University of Salzburg (Austria), University of Bremen (Germany), MIT (USA)
- Ad-hoc reviewer for National Science Foundations:**
US-NSF, US-NOAA, NSERC-Canada, NERC-UK, French CNRS, French ANR, Austrian Science Foundation (FWF), Dutch Science Foundation (NWO), European Research Council, Interamerican Science Foundation (US- South America), Finnish Academy of Science, French ANR, French CNRS, Greek Ministry of Education and Science, German-Israeli Cooperation in Marine Science, Israel Science Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation), Academy of Science of the

Czech Republic, European Research Council, Danish National Research Foundation, Leibniz Gemeinschaft-Germany, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST-Saudi Arabia),

Appointed Reviewer for and Adviser to the Research Council of Norway for Terrestrial and Aquatic Microbial Ecology and Biotechnology (2000-2007)

Editor of Aquatic Microbial Ecology (2002-)
Marine Ecology (2001-2013)
Limnology & Oceanography: Methods (2003-2014)
Biogeosciences (2009-2019)
Frontiers in Microbiology (2011-2015)
Frontiers in Marine Science (2019-)

Editorial Board of The ISME Journal (2012-2014)

Member of the Nomination Committee of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (2000-2004 & 2010-2011)

Chair of the Nomination Committee of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (2004)

Reviewer of CEC-proposals in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Framework program of the Commission of the European Community (CEC)

Reviewer of ERC Advanced Grant proposals (2009, 2011, 2025)

Reviewer of the ERC Synergy Grant proposals (2012)

Reviewer of the ERC Consolidator Grant proposals (2023, 2024)

Congress (co)organizer over the past 13 years

- 2025 Member of the International Organizing Committee of SAME-15 held at Barcelona, Spain in Sept 2025
- 2022 Member of the International Organizing Committee of the ASLO meeting 2023 at Palma, Mallorca, Spain
- 2021 Member of the International Organizing Committee of the ASLO meeting 2021, virtual meeting
- 2019 Member of the International Organizing Committee of SAME-16 held at Potsdam, Germany in Sept 2019
- 2017 Organizer of the workshop “Metabolic diversity and evolution in marine biogeochemical cycling and ocean ecosystem processes” in the frame of IMBeR-IMBIZO-3 held at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Oct together with Tatiana Rynearson
- 2017 Member of the International Organizing Committee of SAME-15 held at Zagreb, Croatia in Sept 2017
- 2015/2014 Member of the International Organizing Committee of SAME-14 held at Uppsala, Sweden in Sept 2015
- 2014 Member of the International Organizing Committee of the ASLO meeting 2015 at Granada (Spain)
- 2014 Co-organizer of the session ‘Shedding light on the dark ocean’ at the Ocean Sciences Meeting at Hawaii together with Ramunas Stepanauskas
- 2013 Co-Organizer and Session Chair at the workshop: Frontiers in Ecological and Evolutionary Genomics, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
- 2013 Session Chair: Hooking up in the Ocean, American Society of Microbiology, Denver, Colorado, USA

2012 Session Chair at the Ocean Sciences Meeting at Salt Lake City

REVIEWS and EVALUATIONS

Journals

Aquatic Biology; Aquatic Ecology; Aquatic Sciences; Applied Environmental Microbiology; Archiv f. Hydrobiologie/Ergebnisse der Limnologie; Arctic, Antarctic, and Alpine Research; Biogeochemistry; Biogeosciences; BMC Microbiology; Botanica Marina; Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences; Cell; Chemosphere; Communications Biology; Communications Earth & Environment; Continental Shelf Research; Coral Reefs; Deep Sea Research; Ecology Letters; Ecosystems; Environmental Microbiology; Environmental Science & Technology; Estuaries; Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Sciences; FEMS Microbiology Ecology; FEMS Microbiology Reviews; Frontiers in Marine Science, Frontiers in Microbiology; Geophysical Research Letters; Hydrobiologia; Indian Journal Marine Science; ISME Journal; Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology; Journal of Geophysical Research – Oceans; Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom; Journal of Marine Systems; Journal of Microbiological Methods; Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology; Journal of Plankton Research; Journal of Sea Research; Limnology & Oceanography; Limnology & Oceanography:Methods; Marine Biology; Marine Chemistry; Marine Ecology; Marine Ecology Progress Series; Marine Environmental Research; Marine and Freshwater Research; mbio; Microbial Ecology; Microbiological Research; Microbiome; Molecular Ecology; mSystems; National Geographic; Nature; Nature Microbiology; Nature Reviews: Microbiology; Nature Communications, Ocean Dynamics; PLoS ONE, Polar Biology; Polar Research; Proceeding National Academy of Science USA (PNAS); Progress in Oceanography; Science; Science Advances; Soil Biology and Biochemistry; Toxicological and Environmental Chemistry; Trends in Ecology & Evolution,

Member of the Editorial Board of Marine Microbial Food Webs (1992-1995)

Member of the Editorial Board of Aquatic Microbial Ecology (1995-2002)

OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CRUISES

1985 – 1995	one-day cruises on R/V Vila Velibita (Adriatic)
1988	R.V. New Horizon (off California, 1 week)
1990	R.V. Discovery (North Atlantic, 5 weeks)
1994	R.V. Thethys II (Mediterranean Sea, 1 week)
1999	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic, 3 weeks)
2000	R.V. Pelagia (North Sea, 2 times 2 weeks)
2001	R.V. Navicula (coastal North Sea, 1 week)
2001	R.V. Pelagia (Mediterranean, Atlantic, 2 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2002	R.V. Pelagia (North Sea, 2 weeks)
2002	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2003	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2003	R.V. Pelagia (Mediterranean Sea, 3 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2004	R.V. Polarstern (Atlantic sector of Southern Ocean, 9 weeks)
2004	R.V. Pelagia (Mauritanian upwelling, subtropical North Atlantic gyre, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2005	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic gyre, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2006	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic gyre, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2007/08	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic gyre, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2010	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic gyre, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2011	R.V. Pelagia (North Atlantic, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)

CV of Gerhard J. Herndl

2012 R.V. Pelagia (northern North Atlantic, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2023 R.V. Pelagia (northern North Atlantic, 3 weeks, Chief Scientist)
2025 R.V. Pelagia (northern North Atlantic, 4 weeks, Chief Scientist)

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES

American Society of Limnology & Oceanography, now: Associations of the Societies of Limnology and Oceanography (since 1989)

American Society of Microbiology (1989-2010)

International Society for Microbial Ecology (2006-2017)

International Society for Environmental Geochemistry (2015-2018)