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Academic career:

- 2008/2009 guest lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences Mittweida for "Drinking Water Purification and Wastewater Treatment"
- 2001 - 2004 guest lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences Anhalt, in Köthen, for "Phytoremediation"
- since 1998 head of the group Ecological Water Treatment Technologies in the Department of Environmental Biotechnology of the UFZ
- 1992 – 1995 scientific co-worker at the Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig-Halle (UFZ)
- 1991 PhD thesis, methanogenic fermentation of a wastewater from the coal pyrolysis, University Oldenburg
- 1982 – 1991 scientific co-worker in the Institute for Biotechnology in Leipzig; task: anaerobic digestion of industrial wastewaters
- 1977 – 1982 studied biochemistry at the University of Halle (Germany)

Research areas:

- Low tech nature-near methods for wastewater treatment (see also web page: www.phyto.ufz.de)
- Microbial anaerobic processes and metal removal/fixation in artificial pond/wetland systems
- Fate of pharmaceutical residues in municipal wastewater in planted soil filter and pond systems (constructed wetlands)
- Cycles of nitrogen, sulphur and carbon in the technical ecosystem "constructed wetland" for wastewater treatment
- Oxygen-input into the rhizosphere by helophytes
- Hygienization of domestic sewage in ponds and constructed wetlands

Participation at international projects (selection):

- RAME - Pflanzenbasierte Methoden zur nachhaltigen Haldenrekultivierung und Behandlung von Bergbauwässern in Vietnam Vegetations-u. Bodenentwicklung mit Optimierung der Wasserbehandlungssysteme (Bergbaustandort Nui Beo/Dong Trien); 2008-01 – 2011-12; BMBF
- PROCOL project related researcher exchange (PPP) with Colombia – "Enhancing biological processes for pollutant removal in constructed wetlands", BMBF, 03/2008 – 12/2009
- EU-INCO-Project, Peri-urban mangroves forests as filters and potential phytoremediators of domestic sewage in East Africa – PUMPSEA ; grant INCO-CT2004-510863, PUMPSEA), 02/2005-01/2008
- Cooperation project Germany-Mexico „Passive treatment of tannery effluents“; MEX03/Z05; 2004-2006, funded by BMBF; Partner: BioPlanta GmbH, UFZ-Leipzig, Centro de Investigación y Asesoría Tecnología en Cuero y Calzado, Leon, Mexico
- Cooperation project Germany-Mexico MEX00/004 „Novel insights in the use of aquatic plants for heavy metal removal“ (2000-2003 , funded by BMBF; partners: BioPlanta GmbH in Leipzig, CIATEC in Leon and Institute of Ecology in Xalapa)
- NATO-Collaborative Linkage Grant 978918 (2001-2004; „Heavy Metal Removal by Bioreactors and constructed wetlands“; Partners: IBPM in Pushchino, Russia and University Wageningen, The Netherlands)
- Cooperation project Germany-Mexico, „Reducing pathogenic germs in municipal sewage using constructed wetlands“, 2000-2003, funded by BMBF; Partner: UFZ-Leipzig, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan, Mexico, Umweltschutz Nord GmbH & Co

Publications:

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