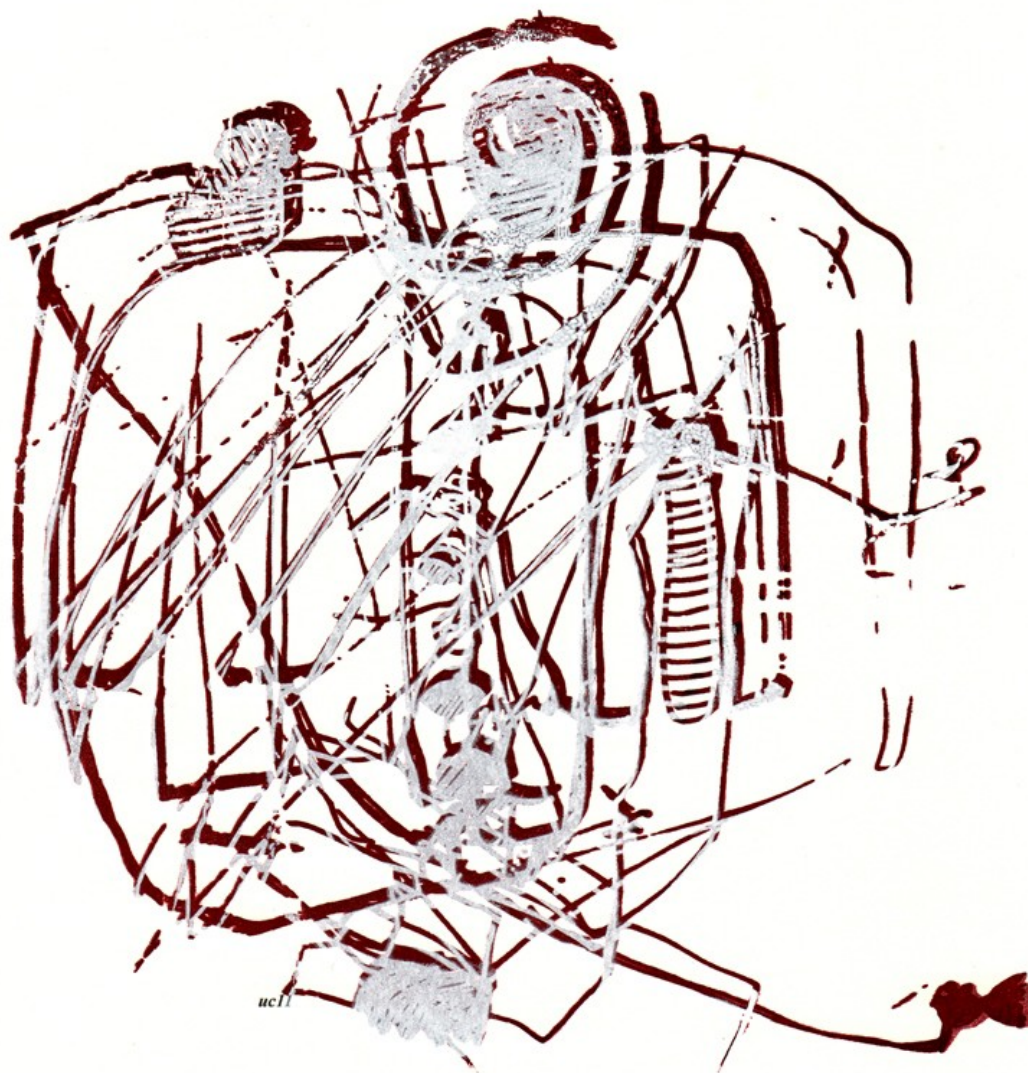


# ***Who is Who of the BII Alumni***



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## Introduction

Friday, 10th June 2011, **was** the official 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Basel Institute for Immunology (BII-at-40), we have organized various celebration events, including a two-day symposium on “Immune Responses and Autoimmunity” ([www.ispiev.org](http://www.ispiev.org), under Symposium 2011), public education on “Immunity and Diseases”, a concert, an exhibition, and a dinner party.

A booklet “Who is Who of the BII-Alumni” was assembled, which included the good wishes of many alumni and friends who came to celebrate the BII-at-40 as well as those who could not attend this event.

The BII was founded and supported by Hoffmann-La Roche and, since its foundation in 1971, had an outstandingly brilliant 30 years history until its closure in 2001. The BII has produced three Nobel Prize winners: Niels Jerne, Georges Köhler (with Cesar Milstein, 1984) and Susumu Tonegawa (1987). It was the “Mecca” of the immunology-scientific community. Several hundreds of scientists passed through the Institute, either as a scientific member, a visiting scientist, or a student. Even today, one third of immunologists of the immunology world, actively contributing to the field of immunology, spent sometime of their life in the BII and in the city of Basel.

**Looking back** to the BII time and the development of alumni, one finds that in the 30 years of operation, the Institute attracted hundreds of people with very original thinking, free minds and many unique personalities. Many BII members are leaders by nature, most of them are creatively talented in many fields and are still conducting break-through research contributing to knowledge and the welfare of mankind. The spirit of BII continues even after the closing of the Institute; many of the BII alumni are actively involved in creative work at present and are transferring the legacy of the BII spirit to the successive generation. Many BII alumni are giants and heroes in the field that they now are actively engaged in.

Through the opportunity of this symposium, we wished to enable the speakers, participants, and supporting organizations to get together in order to reconnect, to discuss and might be to spark additional collaborations in the future.

We have looked forward to your participation in this BII-at-40 event to make it into another unforgettable celebration event.

Above is the edited text of the Introduction, written and published in 2011.

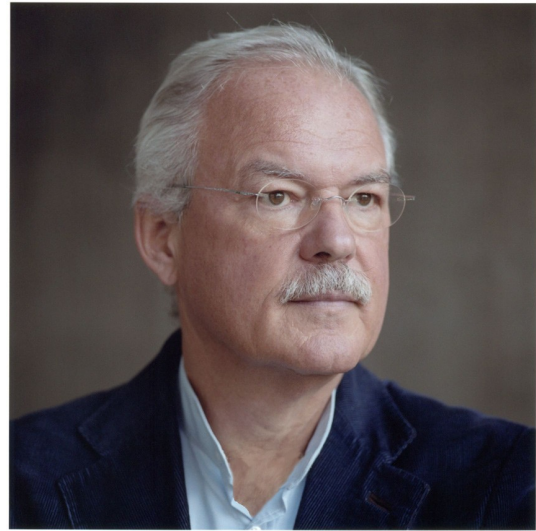
10 years later, Basel Institute for Immunology will be 50 years old, the birthday will be Thursday, 10th of June, 2021. Due to the pandemic, it is unlikely that we could get-together in person to celebrate this 50th year anniversary. However, we could communicate online, to update the “biiwhoiswho”, and possible to have a drink together via jitsi.

In this e-book is the file of members, students, and stuffs who have contributed to the “Bii-at-40”, published in ispiev.org webpage (in pdf and doc formats), we asked all contributors to update their page. We are also inquiring these colleagues, who were not in the last issue of “biiwhoiswho” to join us.

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**For Basel Institute for Immunology 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Even though my stay at the Basel Institute for Immunology (BII) was rather brief, it was highly illuminating and had a major impact on my future career as an immunologist. I was most impressed by the spirit of openness and collegiality of the institute, where I was immediately integrated into the BII's research community. The BII was a leader for many immunologists mostly for two reasons: First, its goal of highest scientific originality, precision, and quality and second, its spirit, which immediately convinced its members to whole-heartedly follow suit. I know that this is an over-simplification but the enormous output of leaders in immunology clearly argues for its success. They say performance depends on attitude and judging from the BII's track record, its overwhelmingly positive attitude is obvious, and the contagiousness of its attitude has succeeded in imprinting a spirit of quality and openness in research to the many students, post-docs and researches who have walked through its doors. I am proud to have been there – to have learned about the art and tools of immunological research – at the most vibrant center of its kind.



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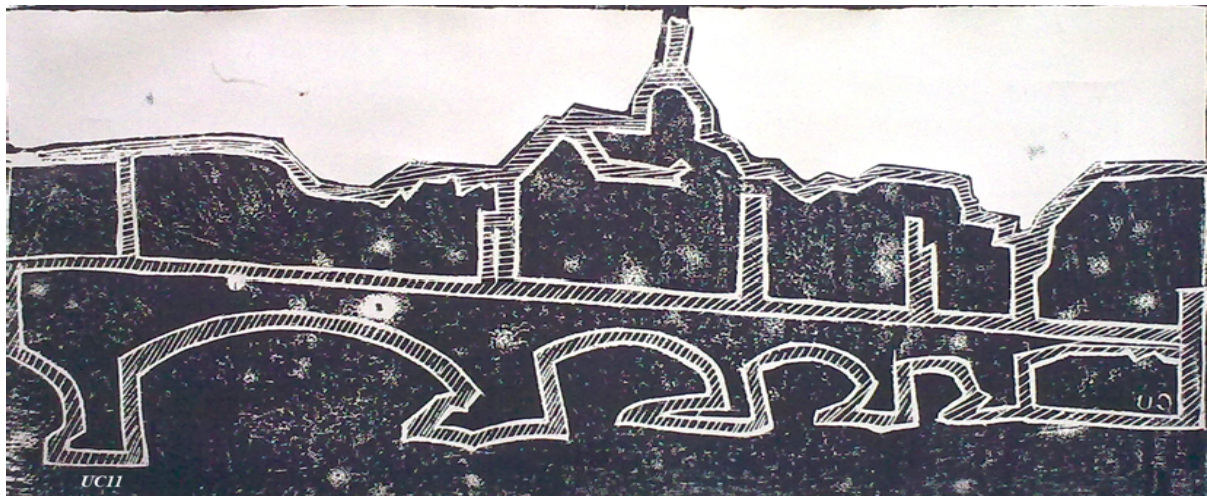
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**Some description of yourself to share:**

As everybody will agree it was great fun to work at the BII, for me it was also the time when I had to take care of small children. When I came to Basel our son was 10 months and 9 months later our second son was born, but nevertheless, Niels supported and accepted me at the BII and this was quite unusual for the time. It allowed me to continue with science and opened the way for my career.

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**Some description of yourself to share:**

During my stay at BII I first worked with Werner Haas on establishing idiotype (Id)-specific CD4+ T cells. Together with Ralph Snodgrass and Zlatko Dembic at BII, and Anton Berns in Amsterdam, we then made Id-specific TCR-transgenic mice. Together with Siggie Weiss at BII we studied antigen processing of Ig, and presentation of Id-peptides on MHC class II molecules. A major finding was that B cells spontaneously process and present their endogenous Ig. Together with Siggie Weiss, Ig-transgenic mice were made. By use of the TCR-transgenic and Ig-transgenic mice the concept of Id-driven T-B collaboration was developed.

Recent work has established that Id-driven T-B collaboration may play a role in autoimmunity and development of B cell lymphomas. In addition, my research group is working on tumor immunology and development of new formats of DNA vaccines.

Currently I am a professor of Immunology at The University of Oslo. In addition, I have a part-time position as senior consultant at Oslo University Hospital. I have had sabbaticals at Stanford University and Harvard University.

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**Some description of yourself to share:**

Una was born and educated in Taiwan, received her Ph.D. in Immunology at the Univ of California at Berkeley USA, did a postdoc at the University of Würzburg, Germany, then joined the BII as a scientific member. After the time at the BII she spent one year as group leader at the Max Planck Institute in Erlangen Germany, one year as EC Fellow in Marseille, France, and returned to Germany to form her own group at the Univ of Giessen. She is interested in both science and the arts, characteristic of many people in the creative fields, spending her time in both and sometimes even more in art than science. Her scientific work covers molecular immunology and stem cell biology in which she has 60+ scientific publications. At the BII she shifted from mouse B cell molecular biology to mouse ES cells, and developed an efficient way to differentiate mES cells to lymphoid precursor cells in culture. After the time at the BII she focused her work on establishing and characterizing tetracycline/doxycycline responding mouse cell lines from transgenic mESC and transgenic mice brain, lung, and skin tissues. She is interested in the process of making clinical grade cell banks, spent two years working on how to make an affordable GMP grade master cell bank in an academic environment from 2000 to 2002, which was published in a book chapter on iPS and has 1000+ downloading of that article so far. She is contributing work to the scientific community. At the BII she served as the co-organizer of the BII-(Alumni)-Get-Together and organized Institute social events on the occasions of the Immunology Congress in Berlin 1989, Budapest 1992, San Francisco 1995, Montreal 1998, Stockholm 2001 and the Basel 2011 BII-at-40 events! Her other community work includes creation and serving as chairperson of the ISSCR (International Society for Stem Cell Research) International Committee from 2002 to 2003, creation and serving as president of RESCUES 2007 to the present, and creation and serving as president of the ISPI e.V., 2009 to the present. She has produced 100+ artworks. In addition, she exhibits regularly. From 2014 to 2017 she returned to Basel to study art and design at the FHNW (FachHochschule NorthWest) and received a M.A. in Design on the topics of KICE (Knoblauch Ingwer Citron Essig) drink. From 2014 to 2020 she was a Galeristin, heading Galerie in der Galerie (GiG) Neustädter Tor in Giessen, did art exhibitions for international artists in a rather unique show-window inside a shop, and edited 22 issues of catalogs including "StadtGiessen". During the COVID19 pandemic from 2020 to present, she worked in her home office on the manuscript preparation of results about mouse stem cells of lung, skin, and ES cells origin for publications. Now she is engaged in updating the e-book "who-is-who of bii" for the coming "BII-at-50" event.



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Since the earliest days of my lab career I was attracted to molecular and cellular immunology. I wished to understand the function of the immune system, and that is still my wish. During the last twenty years of the past century I've worked on projects in immunology at the Max-Planck-Institute for Biology (Tubingen, Germany), the Basel Institute for Immunology (Switzerland; Switzerland) and the Hoffmann - La Roche AG (Basel, Switzerland) with numerous collaborators. We were the first to report the identification of genes underlying T-cell specificity and recognition (mouse T-cell receptor, in 1986). At Hoffman-La Roche AG, I participated in research on molecular cloning of human cytokine receptors important for the effector phase of immunity such as the interferon-gamma receptor (IFNGR1; in 1988) and the tumor necrosis factor receptor-2 (TNFR2; in 1990). In 1995, I moved to the Institute of Immunology at the University of Oslo, Norway. Since then I broadened my research to include cancer immunology and immunogenetics. All of this would not have been possible without a substantial contribution from my academic collaborators and colleagues in Norway and Croatia. Some of these studies led me to propose a model about the workings of the immune system called the "integrity" model in the mid-nineties. It stresses that immunity is not only a defense system, but also a "selector and caretaker" of potential symbionts and commensals. My publication list has over 80 scientific contributions, with about ten percent published in Nature and Cell. I tend to take these achievements as evidence of the great fun and joy that basic research in immunology has given me over the past years. They are also the source of an unending motivation to study further what remains unknown - a progressively smaller part of human body.

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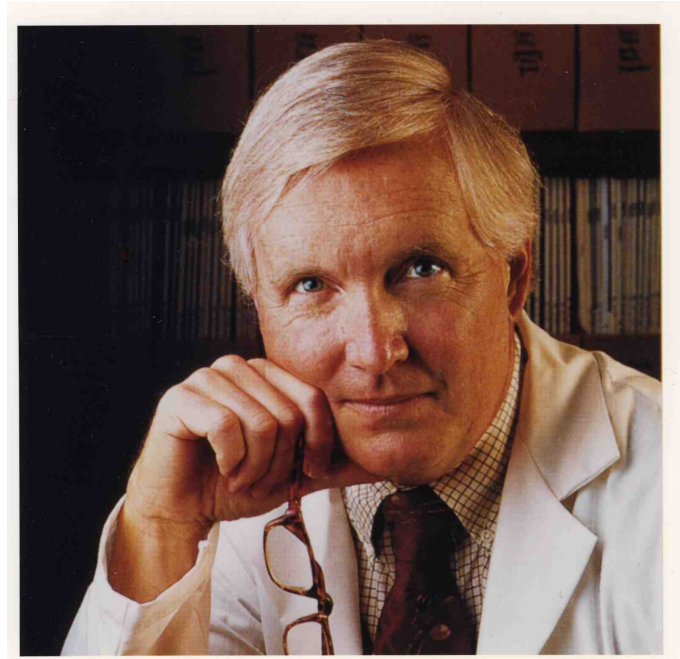
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Dr. Fathman is Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Immunology and Rheumatology at Stanford University School of Medicine and Associate Director of the Institute for Immunology, Transplantation and Infection (ITI) and Director of the Center for Clinical Immunology at Stanford (CCIS). He was founder and first-president of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS). His substantial scientific contributions in the areas of cellular and molecular immunology have brought him international recognition. As Director of the CCIS, he initiated a multidisciplinary approach to study and treat autoimmune diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, and insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, and initiated several new approaches to education and community outreach. Dr. Fathman received his degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 1969. He subsequently completed his residency training at Dartmouth Affiliated Hospitals and completed a fellowship in immunology and rheumatology at Stanford University. He then spent four years doing research, first as a clinical associate at the National Cancer Institute of the NIH, and then as a member of the Basel Institute for Immunology in Switzerland. He returned to the US to join the faculty at the Mayo Clinic Medical School in 1977 and was recruited back to Stanford University in 1981. He is a member of many professional organizations, including the American Association of Immunologists (AAI) and the Association of American Physicians (AAP), and is past council member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and past-President of the Clinical Immunology Society (CIS). He was Associate Editor of the *Annual Review of Immunology* for 25 years and serves on the editorial boards of numerous scientific journals. Dr. Fathman has chaired a variety of national and international professional meetings, served on NIH study sections and numerous blue ribbon panels and has written more than 300 articles on his research in molecular and cellular characterization of CD4 T cell activation and unresponsiveness.

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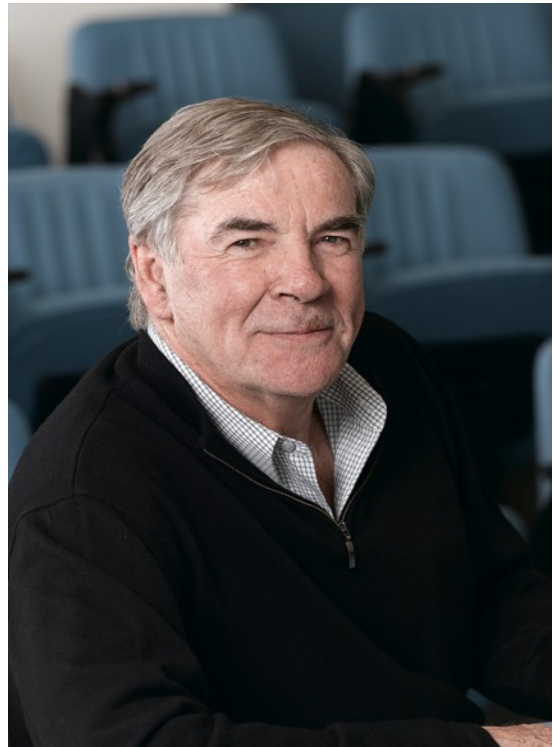
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**Some description of yourself to share:**

Following my Ph.D. studies at the University of Melbourne, and post-doctoral training at the Australian National University and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, I worked at the BII and the Ontario Cancer Institute, and for 7 years in New York at Rockefeller University and Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. I then returned to the University of Melbourne where I was awarded a Doctor of Science Degree (1990), and appointed Professorial Fellow (1993) and Director, Arthritis and Inflammation Research Centre (1997).

In 2001, I became founding CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Chronic Inflammatory Diseases, a multinational consortium linking academic institutions and industry. I am a Professorial Fellow and Deputy Head of the Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne, Royal Melbourne Hospital, and a National Health Medical Research Council of Australia Senior Principal Research Fellow.

My major overall research contribution is in cytokine-mediated functions of macrophage lineage cells in inflammation, particularly in arthritis.

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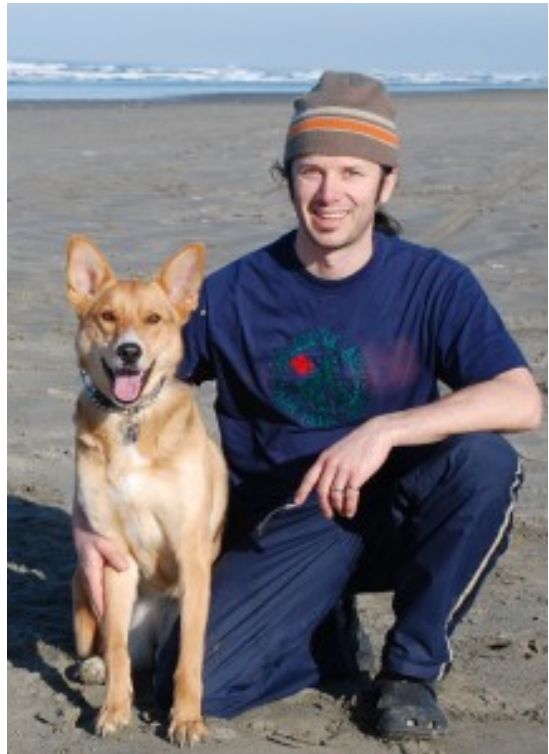
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Scientific Member 1995-2000

**Some description of yourself to share:**

My group focuses on immune responses to infection in fish and the impact of environmental chemicals on immune response potential. In general, our group utilizes both functional genomic and molecular/cellular approaches to investigate the regulation of genes and protein interactions that occur during infection. To better appreciate these interactions; we have also developed specific research projects that utilize zebrafish in addition to our work with sSalmon. Zebrafish present an attractive model for studies involving fish and vertebrate health owing to the ease of breeding and maintaining stocks of fish and the availability of specific tools including a finished genome, comprehensive microarrays, gene knockouts/knockdowns and transgenic animals for specific immune-related genes. Current projects using zebrafish include models to assess pathogenesis mediated by *Francisella* species, functional roles of the zebrafish inflammasome and the impact of endocrine disruptors on vertebrate health. These research efforts have translational value for human health as well, as our comparative approach can lead to the identification of key virulence factors and essential components of host immunity that are conserved across all vertebrates. Ultimately, our goal is to better understand how pathogens and host immune responses contribute to pathogenesis &/or immunity and how this information can be applied to vertebrate health.

On a personal side, my family (Brenda & my son Keagen-12 and my daughter Mina-9) have been living in Seattle since 2004 and will likely be here until the end—as the city, people and surrounding areas have all of the features that are important to my family. This includes being surrounded by both the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, which are great areas of escape for backcountry camping, hiking, climbing and snowboarding. In addition, the Pacific Ocean and Olympic National Forest are close by and importantly—Seattle is a very livable, liberal city. If you are ever in Seattle, feel free to call on us as our doors are always open to fellow BII alumni.



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Scientific Member 1976 - 1979:

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Retired and working part time as Head Immunology at Swiss Rockets, dealing with various projects.

Former Principle Research Investigator at Novartis Institutes of Biomedical Research in Autoimmune Diseases and Transplantation and earlier in Allergy and Inflammation, specialized in the identification of intervention strategies and suitable drug targets for therapeutic biologicals – e.g. engineered monoclonal antibodies - and leading and coaching preclinical research projects towards development.

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1983 Student

1985 Postdoctoral Fellowship

1987 Visiting Scientist

**Some description of yourself to share:**

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Scientific Member, Feb. 1975 ~ Aug. 1978

**Some description of yourself to share:**

At BII, I had collaborative works with Gaston Mattheysens, Susumu Tonegawa and Ora Bernard. My contribution to immunology was the discovery of rearrangement of immunoglobulin genes. I moved to Toronto in 1978 and met Marc Shulman there. Marc was a neighbor at BII. The reunion was a very important event for me. Marc and Georges Köhler invented an ingenious method (suicide method) to obtain mutants of the expression of immunoglobulin genes. I worked in Toronto until 2000. I had labs at Ontario Cancer Institute and Mount Sinai Hospital. We had intimate collaborative studies. The experience was very enjoyable. I was lucky to have met Marc. I had an offer to set up a lab at Biological Institute of Tokyo University of Sciences in 1996. The new Institution was at the helm of Tomio Tada. I commuted over the Pacific Ocean from 1996 to 2000.

I was a professor at the Department of Health Sciences of Ryotokuji University from 2010 to 2016. My long standing goal was to become a psychiatrist. When I graduated from Med. School, psychiatry looked too complicated to me. I had a difficulty to understand the molecular mechanisms involved in human behavior and psychology. Molecular biology was simple and straightforward. I jumped into molecular biology.

After 50 years, I began to sail to journey to the final destination.

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Scientific Member, 1988-1997

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Beat A. Imhof is professor emeritus and was chair of the Department of Pathology and Immunology for more than 10 years at the Medical Faculty, University of Geneva, Switzerland. He studied Biochemistry in Zurich, Switzerland, did then his PhD at the Friedrich Miescher Laboratory of the Max Planck Institute in Tübingen, Germany (1983) where he studied cell-cell contacts. He moved as an EMBO fellow to Paris at Institute of Embryology where he worked on thymus homing of T-cell progenitor cells. In 1988, he joined the Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland, where he continued to study the migration of pro-T cells to the thymus. In 1997, he accepted a position as Professor for Experimental Pathology at the Medical Faculty of the University of Geneva. He investigated the pathology of leukocyte migration in inflammatory diseases and studied tumor angiogenesis. In this context he found several novel molecules and mechanisms, for several he holds patents together with the University of Geneva. He is a cofounder of the start-up companies Abologix and Mesenflow and he is in the board of AltaZuz and Neurix

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Research Interest: Programmed Mutagenesis, Allelic exclusion, Epigenetics

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- Master thesis 'Molecular and Biochemical Characterization of the Feline MHC', thesis advisor Hidde Ploegh, NKI-AVL, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, The Netherlands.
- PhD thesis 'Control of T Cell Development in TCR Mutant Mice', PhD thesis advisor Anton Berns, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, The Netherlands.
- EMBO Long-term PostDoc Fellow, Institute for Genetics, Department of Klaus Rajewsky University of Cologne, Germany.
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Michael received an Honours B.Sc. degree in genetics from McGill University in Montréal, Quebec, and went on to do his doctoral work at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California culminating in a Ph.D. in genetics and immunology. He was recruited as a member of the Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland, where he spent 12 years of postdoctoral study analysing the molecular and cellular components of the immune system. In 1988 he assumed an Associate Professorship in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at McGill University in Montréal, Quebec. Recruited to the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Immunology at the University of Toronto in 1993, over the next 7 years he stewarded the Department to its ranking as the pre-eminent academic immunology initiative in Canada, externally ranked among the top 10 academic centres of Immunology in North America. His work towards understanding the biochemistry of lymphocyte activation, and the cellular and molecular interactions culminating in protective immunity have supported his continuing interest in autoimmune diseases, and ailments that involve dysregulated function of the immune system. Academic Press, now Elsevier, engaged Michael as the Editor of the highly cited review periodical, *Seminars in Immunology*. In October 2000, Michael assumed the position of Vice President, Research, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, where he stewards a \$100M annual research enterprise [<http://www.sunnybrook.ca/research>]. He has chaired the Canadian Institutes for Health Research review panel for "Immunology and Transplantation", and serves as a member of Scientific Advisory Boards for a number of for profit enterprises. Michael was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Research Canada in April 2007, and assumed the Chair of Research Canada in May 2008. Research Canada is a not-for-profit, voluntary organization that is a strong national voice for health research advocacy in Canada [<http://www.rc-rc.ca/>].

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....."You can yell at me if it helps", said Michael, "and big hug to everybody in the BII-at-40 and BII-at-50 celebrations".

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**Some description of yourself to share:**

I was a BII member twice. People in BII used to call me 'Karas' instead of my first name 'Hajime', because German-pronunciation of 'Hajime' sounds like 'Haime' (or Jaime in Spanish?) not like 'Hi Jimmy!'. During my first stay in BII, I developed an efficient cDNA expression vector pBCMGNeo and its derivatives, and established a series of transfected cell lines secreting high amounts of recombinant cytokines, including IL-2, IL-3, IL-4 and IL-5. I am very happy about that these vectors and cell lines have been distributed to many institutes and universities around the world, and are still utilized by thousands of researchers. In the second stay, I worked on pre-BCR, and demonstrated that the pre-BCR complex is indeed composed of three polypeptides (VpreB, lambda5, and  $\mu$ H chain) and expressed transiently at the early preB cell stage during B cell development, by establishing triple transfectants and mAbs specific to each component of pre-BCR. After return to Tokyo, I extended my interests to allergy and immunodeficiency in addition to B cell development. Major topics in my laboratory are now basophils and hyper-IgE syndrome (for more detail, please visit our web site: [http://www.tmd.ac.jp/med/mbch/top\\_English.htm](http://www.tmd.ac.jp/med/mbch/top_English.htm)).

My wife Reiko and I have two daughters who were two years- and 8 month-old at our first arrival in Basel and used to fluently speak to each other with Swiss German, although they now remember only a few words. We all miss Basel a lot, including Basler Fasnacht.

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Scientific Member 1981-1995

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After leaving the BII with Gillian Griffiths, a biting cat, a large map of Basel, a piece of stained glass, a jar of pickled lampreys and a dozen boxes from lab (some of which I have just managed to unpack), we lived out in the wilds of Berkshire in villages dating back to the Domesday book. Gillian commuted to her swank new institute at University College London, and I ran a Department of Avian Immunology (along with my own lab) at a nearby government establishment called the Institute for Animal Health. After some years, we had been joined by a new cat and two kids named Jonathan (now 14 and taller than I am, not that that is saying much) and Christopher (now 11 and catching up fast), a new job for Gillian (a professor at the very famous Dunn School of Pathology in Oxford) and a debilitating rise up the greasy hierarchy at the IAH for me.

Eventually, it was all too much for me, and we moved to Cambridge, where Jonathan is getting ready for GCSEs at King's School Ely, playing double bass and Real Tennis, rowing and climbing, Christopher is learning French and Latin at King's College School, singing in and touring with the Jesus College choir, and playing flute and piano, Gillian is a Professor at the very swank Cambridge Institute for Medical Research (as well as a highly sought-after Wellcome Trust PRF), and I am the Professor of Comparative Immunogenetics in the Department of Pathology. We live in a big white house in Trumpington, can cycle to work and school, and have just started our vegetable garden for the year.

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Scientific Member June 1972 – June 1973, Visiting Scientist periods 1979 – 2001.

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Plan A: Immunology research. 1966 until 1995 when no longer supportable.

Plan B: Teaching, Coordinator Medical Microbiology Course, Southwestern Medical School, retired 2000.

Plan C: Enterprise.

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Visiting Scientist, six months sabbatical in 1999

**Some description of yourself to share:**

We continue to explore relationships between hematopoietic stem cells and the immune system. The Program I lead has eight laboratories and I also serve as Vice President for Research in my private not-for-profit research institute. Though not comparable to BII, we do have a \$60M annual budget, a new research tower and 500 employees. There is also an Oklahoma Center for Adult Stem Cell Research, and I am the founding Scientific Director.

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Permanent Short Term Visitor 1981; 1984-1985; 1987-1989, Scientific Member 1991- 2001

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Because over the years I worked at BII several times for different periods of time I had a unique status of a “permanent short term visitor“ as I called it, a position „in between “ officially recognized positions of Permanent Members, Members, visitors and students.

My research concentrated on studying T cell development and selection. Working for most of the time with Harald von Boehmer, who kindly kept inviting me and my students (Wojtek Swat, Leszek Ignatowicz and Arek Miazek) from 1981 to 1991 we had a chance to participate in and to contribute to the studies which provided evidence that immature CD4+8+ thymocytes undergo positive and/or negative selection, as a result of which useful repertoire of self tolerant and self MHC restricted T cell receptors is generated.

Our finding that the specificity of T cell receptor for the class of MHC molecules determines CD4/CD8 phenotype of generated T cells was for me especially pleasing because it threw important light on how CD4 (Ly1+2-) and CD8 (Ly1-2+) T cells, which I identified 13 years earlier (Nature 253: 219, 1975), are born in the thymus.

During may last year at BII, together with my other student Małgorzata Cebrat, we identified Nwc, a third strongly evolutionarily conserved gene within the Rag locus, which we are now intensively investigating.

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Scientific Member 1980, with Georges Köhler

**Some description of yourself to share:**

I am still working in immunology. My last project, before retirement, is an old-time favorite of mine: the immune response to a parasite, i.e. *Schistosoma mansoni*. This worm challenges the immune system at different interfaces and in many ways. It is my last chance to see if I learned anything about the immune system in my life as an immunologist.

And indeed, the worm taught me again something I already knew: the herd instinct of many scientists is phenomenal, they are nothing special in this regard. But apart from that, the worm is also quite clever, in its way: evolution, the second lesson I already knew, is hard to beat. Is there anything new? I do not know, as yet...

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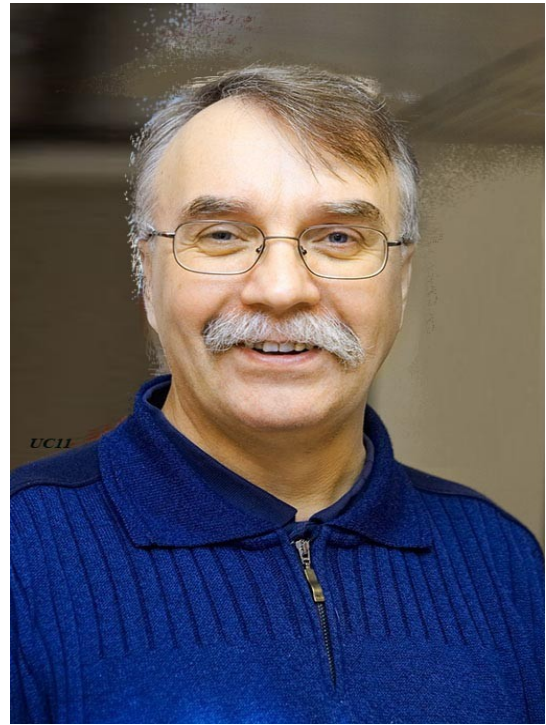
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Scientific Member October 1982- August 1988

**Some description of yourself to share:**

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**Current research interest:** Regulation of immunity in autoimmunity and cancer.

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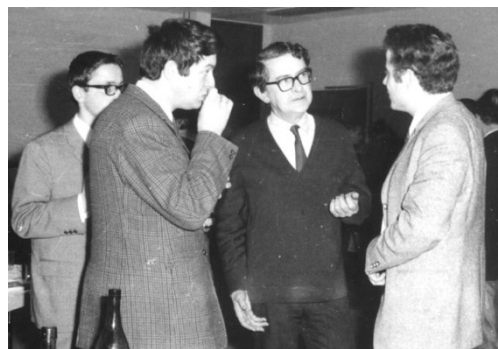
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I was a member of BII for 1 year, when I was on my first sabbatical leave from Stony Brook University, between Sept 1983 and August 1984. At the BII I worked together with members of George Koehler's group (particularly Andre Trauneker). My daughter Ellie was in kinder garden way back then and now will soon be celebrating the High School graduation of her own 18 year old daughter Malayna.

**Some description of yourself to share:**

On January 1, 2016, I officially retired from my academic position at Stony Brook University where I was a Professor in the Depts of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and Pathology since 1978. In my retirement, I only reside at our family home in Bologna, Italy. I continue to work on aspects of some of the original research projects that I had established over a 25 year time span on the differential functions and mechanisms of action of IKK $\alpha$  and IKK $\beta$  (inhibitor of NF- $\kappa$ B kinases alpha and beta) in the regulation of pro-inflammatory stress-like responses, the growth and normal vs. neoplastic cells and aspects of altered chondrocyte physiology that impact on osteoarthritic disease. However, my roles in these projects is now mostly in an intellectual and advisory capacity to assist my younger colleagues with the original still on-going research projects that I had helped them all establish.

Some of our more recent publications include

(1) Culley, K.L. et al. Lessard, S.G., Green, J.D., Quinn J., Chang, J., Tyler Khilnani T., (2019). Inducible knockout of CHUK/IKK $\alpha$  in adult chondrocytes reduces progression of cartilage degradation in a surgical model of osteoarthritis. Nature Scientific Reports 9 (1): 6905.

(2) Markopoulos, G.S. et. al. (2019). Epigenetic Regulation of Inflammatory Cytokine-Induced Epithelial-To Mesenchymal Cell Transition and Cancer Stem Cell Generation. Cells 8 (10): 1143 (doi:10.3390/cells8101143).

(3) Chavdoula, E., et al. (2019) CHUK/IKK $\alpha$  loss in lung epithelial cells enhances NSCLC growth associated with HIF up-regulation. LSA 2 (6) (DOI 10.26508/lisa.201900460).

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Scientific Member

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Docentships for blood group serology (1974), immunology (1984) and transfusion medicine (1986)

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- 01.12.1986 – 30.09.1992: Director, Institute for Transfusion Medicine, RWTH Aachen, Germany
- 01.10.1992 – 31.12.2009: Director of the Division of Blood Group Serology and Chairman, Department of Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine, University of Vienna / Medical University of Vienna
- 01.01.1994 – 31.03.2005: Medical Director, Blood Donation Center for Wien, Niederösterreich and Burgenland, Austrian Red Cross
- from 01.04.2005: Medical Councillor for Transfusion Medicine, Austrian Red Cross
- from 01.01.2010 to 30.09.2012: Director, Department for Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine, Medical University of Vienna

**Scientific work:** > 590 publications on the following topics: transfusion medicine, blood group serology, immuno-hematology, immunogenetics, transplantation immunology and HLA. Editor-in-Chief of Vox Sanguinis (from 2003; 1977-2003: editor of Section III – Genetic markers of human blood); member of the editorial board of Human Immunology, Forensic Sciences International: Genetics, and Minerva Biotechnologica. Councillor of the International Histocompatibility Workshops and Member of the HLA Nomenclature Committee, Organiser of the 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion 2000 in Vienna / Austria, Dr. med honoris causa, University of Olomouc / Czechia (1994)



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- 1) Immunological detection of newly emerging infectious diseases;  
Establishment and characterization of monoclonal antibodies against SARS coronavirus.  
Methods Mol. Biol. 454:191-203 (2008)  
Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) coronavirus: application of monoclonal  
antibodies and development of an effective vaccine Rev. Med. Virol., 16:117-131 (2006)
- 2) Biology of Lymphocyte-cadherin (BILL-cadherin/Cdh-17);  
Lymphocyte-expressed BILL-cadherin/cadherin-17 contributes to the development of B  
cells at two stages, Eur. J. Immunol., 35:957-963 (2005)  
The identification of a nonclassical cadherin expressed during B cell development and it's  
interaction with surrogate light chain. J. Biol. Chem., 275:31134-31144 (2000)
- 3) Function of PreBCR;  
The nonimmunoglobulin portion of  $\delta$  5 mediates cell-autonomous pre-B cell receptor  
signaling. Nature Immunol., 4:817-819 (2003)  
Molecular components and assembly of  $\delta$ -surrogate light chain complexes in pre-B cell  
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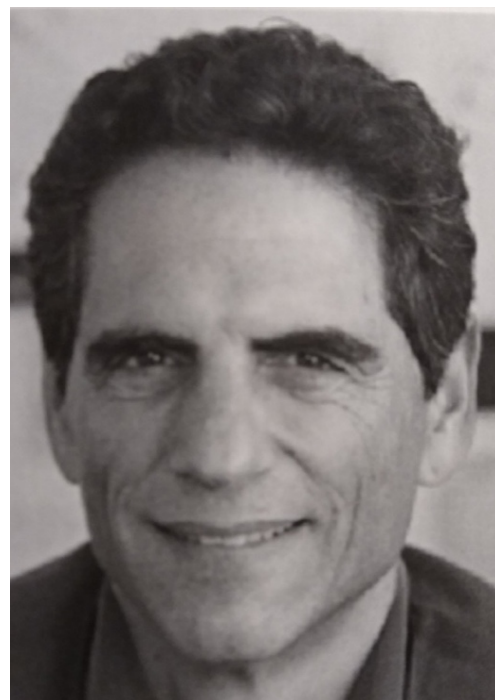
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Postgraduate research work: on schistosomiasis in wild baboons, (Serengeti, Tanzania, 1965); structures of immunoglobulins (University of California, San Francisco, 1969-71).

**Member BII 1971-77:** characterized avian major histocompatibility antigens (with V. Miggiano, A. Ziegler, H. Huser, A. Buder and others).  
University of Geneva 1977-81: glycosylation of membrane proteins.

**Member BII 1981-84:** characterized lymphocyte precursors in chick embryos (with O. Vainio, O. Lassila, M. Ratcliffe, J-C Weill, A-M Rijnbeek and others)

Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Basel (1984-93): participated in and then managed preclinical malaria vaccine development; (1994-98) work on gene therapy in neurobiological models.

Freelance consultant and medical writer (1998-), and staff member of WHO's Tropical Disease Research Unit (TDR) (1999-2004): helped to organize compound acquisition for TDR's programme of high-throughput compound screening for potential anti-parasite activity.

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**Some description of yourself to share:**

I experienced many things during my stay at the BII.

During this period, there was a fire accident, and every member worked hard for the reconstruction of the house. I was sticking to the lab to characterize the Lamda 5 cDNA. I was impressed that a bearded man worked so hard for the reconstruction of the house (to support the members) by pushing the cart in the garage underground day and night.

Especially, he helped me a lot for the laboratory setting. I miss him.

I am still studying the maturation of B-cells. The molecular mechanism for generation of high-affinity antibody is a big issue in immunology.

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**Some description of yourself to share:**

Working with Antonio at the BII, I developed a strong interest in the cross talk between innate and adaptive immunity, which subsequently led me to focus on unconventional T cells, CD1d and MR1 restricted, namely iNKT cells and MAIT cells. My goal is to manipulate and harness this monomorphic antigen recognition system to improve antigen specific adaptive immunity and enhance immune responses in cancer and infections. I also have a particular interest in leveraging multiparameter high end cytometry data to understand immunological signatures predictive of response in cancer patients treated with immunomodulating agents.

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During my travels, I've had a chance to run into a few BII alum over the years: visited with Klaus KARJALAINEN in Singapore, Ramie LEIBNITZ in Paris and Lausanne, Beat IMHOF in Geneva, and Antonio LANZAVECCHIA and David NEMAZEE in San Diego.

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**What is your connection with the BII / The period of time you were in the BII:**

Scientific Member, 1976-1979

**Some description of yourself to share:**

After my three years at BII, I moved in 1979 to the University of Toronto, where I spent the next 28 years. My work in Toronto stemmed directly from projects and friendships that were initiated at BII. Georges Köhler and I had developed a method of selecting mutant hybridoma cells with defects in IgM production or function, and these mutants led in diverse directions. Nobu Hozumi had also landed in Toronto shortly before me, and together we undertook to analyze both expression-defective mutants, which revealed a class of active mammalian transposons, and structural mutants, which identified IgM features involved in complement activation and IgM assembly. We also used the null mutants to develop techniques for expressing Ig genes in culture. This simple advance enabled another level of investigation, including production and characterization of human/mouse chimeric antibodies. The current state of antibody technology leaves our old accomplishments in the dust of history, but I explain to my friends that my major accomplishment was to demonstrate how easy it is to make any antibody whatsoever, and that I left to the next generation the hard work of figuring out the right antibodies to make. When I retired in 2007, I abandoned two projects -- the physiological significance of J chain-deficient hexameric and pentameric IgM and the molecular action of the transcriptional enhancer. It might be that these two questions are no closer to an answer than when I left.

Post-retirement, I occasionally attend meetings on hobby topics -- epigenetic inheritance and immunotherapy -- but it is a stretch. For the past few years, I have overseen a summer lecture program focused on the Middle East (see photo and [www.meff.world](http://www.meff.world)). My wife, Peggy, and I split our year between Woods Hole, MA in the warm months, and Culebra, Puerto Rico, when the weather grows colder. Age is taking its toll: I upgraded to an electric, pedal-assist bicycle, and I am looking to replace my monohull with a small catamaran.

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Since BII I have spent 10 years as a Staff Scientist at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, 19 years as a Professor of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry and Microbiology, and of Business, at the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio, and now am active in Angel investment circles and run a Venture Fund operating nationally and worldwide.

My wife Amy and I celebrate our 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary this year, and our two children Alfred and Elanor (whom many of you knew) are both wonderful adults, happily married and well launched.

I look forward to seeing again many people who were so important and enjoyable for us during and after our Basel years.

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Scientific Member 1988-1992, with Louis Du Pasquier

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Her research interest is in the evolution of the immune system, specifically the structure and function of B and T cell receptors, Fc-receptors, antigen receptor signaling and their gene regulation. For the past 25 years Melanie has been working with the channel catfish model system and she and her collaborators at UMMC have established a catfish leukocyte culture system and developed clonal catfish B, T, NK and macrophage cell lines. She is the author of more than 95 peer-reviewed publications.

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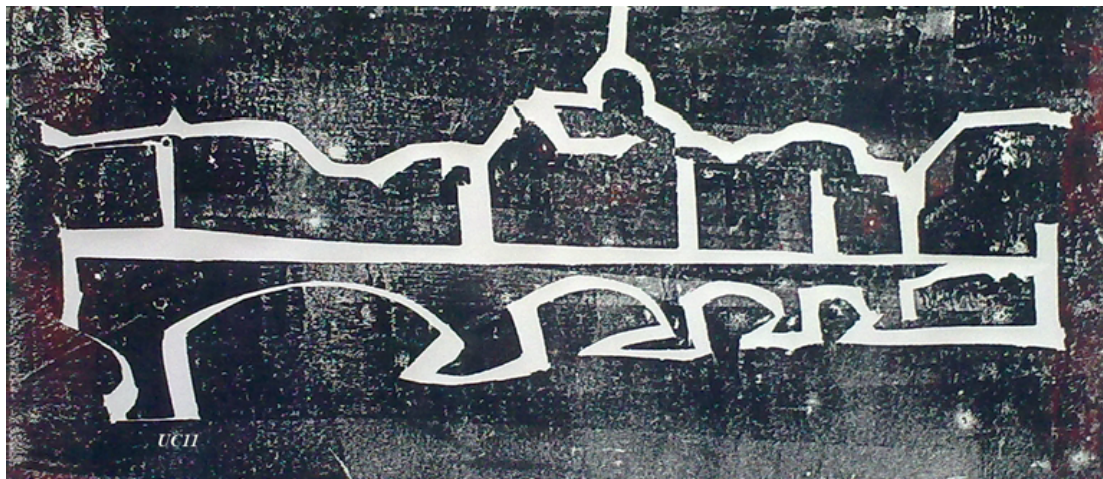


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I joined the BII as summer student (1993) and subsequently as a Ph.D.-student (1994-98) in Rolf Jessberger's lab working on class switch recombination. After a postdoc in Roger Kornberg's lab at Stanford University, I was at the University of Ulm (Immunology Department; head: Hans-Reimer Rodewald) and subsequently at the Max-Planck Institute for Immuno-biology and Epigenetics as a group leader (2005-2012). In 2012 I took the position as professor for biochemistry at the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen.

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Ph.D. Student 1. January 1993 – 31. March 1996

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Paolo Ghia received his MD from the University of Torino, Italy, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine. He received his PhD working at the Basel Institute for Immunology in Basel, Switzerland, in the lab of Fritz Melchers and Ton Rolink where he studied the development of normal human B lymphocytes. He moved to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, in Boston where he studied the molecular mechanisms responsible for the pathogenesis of chronic lympho-proliferative disorders, and in particular of Follicular Lymphoma, aiming at transferring his immunological knowledge into the hematological arena.

He is now working in Milano, as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, as Scientific Coordinator of the Lymphoma Unit, Department of Onco-Hematology, and Head of the Laboratory of B Cell Neoplasia, Division of Molecular Oncology, at the San Raffaele Scientific Institute.

His research interest is the study of the molecular and cellular mechanisms, including the role of antigenic stimulation and immunoglobulin features, responsible for the onset of indolent lymphomas and in particular of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL). More recently, he focused his research on the newly defined clinical entity named Monoclonal B Lymphocytosis (MBL) and its relationship with leukemic transformation. On these topics he published over 90 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.

He is a member of the board of the European Research Initiative on CLL (ERIC), where he acts as coordinator of the scientific projects. He is also a member, as lymphoma expert, of the Scientific Programme Committee of the European Hematology Association (EHA). He is Section Editor for CLL and B-cell malignancies of the NPG journal "Leukemia".

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Ph.D. Student 1984 with Matthias Wabl

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Hans-Martin received his doctoral training in Tübingen, the Basel Institute for Immunology and the University of California at San Francisco. After obtaining his Ph.D. in 1988 from the University of Tübingen, he worked for 2 years as a postdoctoral fellow at UC San Francisco in the lab of Matthias Wabl and for 6 years as Assistant and Associate Professor at the Loyola University of Chicago's Medical School. In 1998 he moved to Erlangen to head the Division of Molecular Immunology.

His research aims to elucidate the molecular mechanisms that control the development of mature B cells into effector cells (memory B- and plasma cells). In particular, he wants to understand the physiological and pathologic functions of small regulatory micro-RNAs (miRNA) during the adaptive humoral immune response and the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases and multiple myeloma.

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**What is your connection with the BII / The period of time you were in the BII:**

Summer Student 1998, Ph.D. Student Spring 1999-2001

**Some description of yourself to share:**

I started as a summer student in 1998 in the group of Manfred Kopf and Martin Bachmann and did my PhD thesis in spring 1999 in the same group. After the closure of the BII, already located at the ETH Zürich, I finished my PhD in Manfred's Lab in 2003. Being back in Basel since 2009, I am still in contact with quite some BII members. Nevertheless, I would like to meet and be in contact with more "old friends" of the Institute thus looking forward to this meeting in Basel.

After a postdoc in Manfred's Lab I joined Cytos Biotechnology AG in Zürich. After five years working experience in the field of vaccine design and development at Cytos, I joined Actelion Pharmaceuticals Ltd in Basel in order to take on new challenges. Today, I am a Senior Lab Head in Immunology responsible for *in vivo* efficacy studies of our drug compounds. Although I switched from basic science into the Industry/Biotech, I never lost my passion for immunology and basic research. I am very lucky that I am still able to do my own research in our environment.

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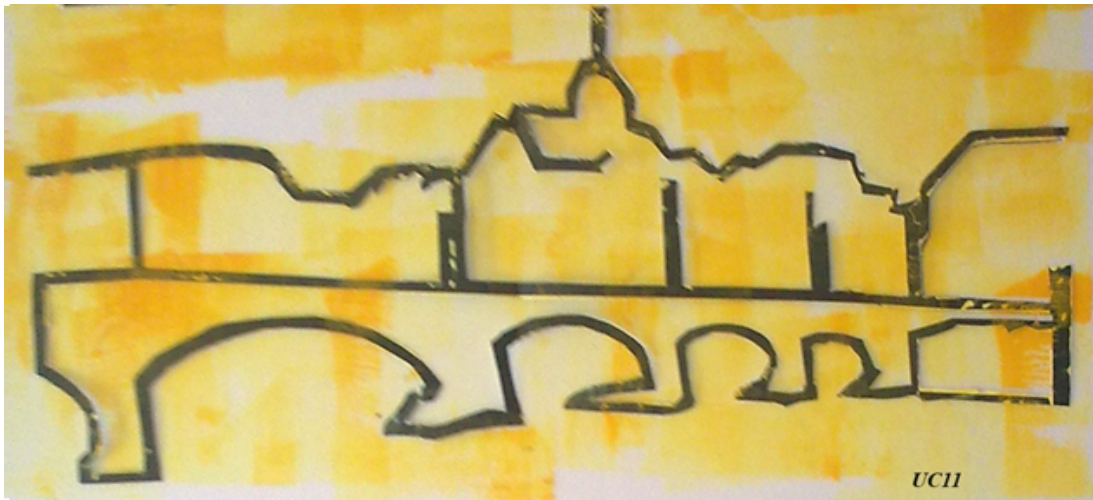
Ph.D. degree at the Universität Heidelberg, Germany and then joined the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, UK. From 1979-1988, I worked at the Universität Tübingen, Germany, from 1988-1989 at the Universität Marburg, Germany, and since 1989, I was the head of the Institut für Immungenetik at the Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin. I retired in 2013 and try to continue some of my work in Waldshut-Tiengen (between Basel and Schaffhouse).

Scientific interests: structure/function relationships of MHC molecules, biophysical basis of selection procedures in the immune system and in reproduction, and evolution of the extended MHC.

I have been married for 45 years; we have two sons who are both scientists. I enjoy music, visual arts, chess, and my family.



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**Some description of yourself to share:**

After having worked for around 20 years in the field of immunology, when the closing of BII occurred, I moved to the central nervous system and more precisely into applied research for Alzheimer's Disease.

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Laboratory Research Technician, September 1990 – August  
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**Some description of yourself to share:**

From France, I had previous experiences at the Institut Curie and Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon where I graduated with a Master in Science.

I had a great time in the BII, working successively with Beat Imhof, Dominique Dunon, Thomas Goëbel and Jörg Kirberg. I am now working as a lab manager in the group of Professor Gerd Pluschke on tropical diseases such as: cerebral meningitis and Buruli ulcer

I was involved in some musical events at the Bii celebrations (Christmas dinner, Birthdays...)

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Laboratory Research Technician, from 1975 until 2000 with Ivan Lefkovits.

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Born on 27.07.1940 in Niedergösgen, Solothurn, Switzerland, studied in Gewerbschule Bern and Solothurn, did Medizinische Laborantin Praktikum at University of Zürich with Rolf Zinkernagel, Department of Pathology, University of Zürich, for 4-5 Years. Travelled to South America, twice, with buses, sometimes alone and sometimes with friends from San Francisco whom she met there. Then worked with Ben Pernis, Department of Microbiology and Medicine, Columbia University, New York, USA. She met Richard Pink in the San Francisco Bay Area during the time he worked there. She worked 3-4 years with Leon Wofsy and Claudia Henry in the Department of Immunology, University of California at Berkeley. Claudia Henry was a postdoc of Niels Jerne at University of Pittsburgh. In 1973-1979, at University of California at Berkeley, she met Una Chen, a Ph.D. student with Robert Mishell. Then she returned to Europe, worked with Ivan Lefkovits at BII until the institute closed in 2000. From 2001 to 2013, she was with Jean Pieters at Biozentrum, University of Basel, until her retirement.

Her hobbies are travel, sky, gardening, hosting friends and colleagues in her roof apartment with terrace at Flora Street 25, Basel. Una stayed in her apartment 6 months in 1986 while waiting for the decision of German authorities on whether a foreigner could stay in Germany and work in Switzerland, which was against the German law.

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Laboratory Research Technician 1992-2001, with Louis Du Pasquier.

**Some description of yourself to share:**

I was working on frogs, tadpoles & finally on axolotls with Ellen Hsu for 3 years, Dario Grosberger for 3 years, 6 months interim with Joseph Schwager, Melanie Wilson for 3 years, Isabelle Chretien-Brocker for 6 years and Benedict Sammut for 3 years, always with the benevolent supervision of Louis Du Pasquier.

I am a happy mother of 26 and 24 years old daughters and a 15 years old son.

My husband and I are still spending our “off-job” time in renovating our old farm into [a](#)”B & B”.

Though not sportive, I recently discover Nordic walking which I try to practice as often as possible at lunch time around the Roche area, and I enjoy long day trips in the Vosges mountains with friends and my two Bernese mountain dogs over weekends.

I am now working in the CNS (Central Nervous System) research department from Roche and get uncertain about the future at each reorientation of the projects and changes in the management. It is a quite uncomfortable position, like sitting on the fence.

I miss the time at the BII although I did not participate [in](#) all the events due to familial priority but the working conditions [w](#)here optimal in a friendly [e](#)nvironment.



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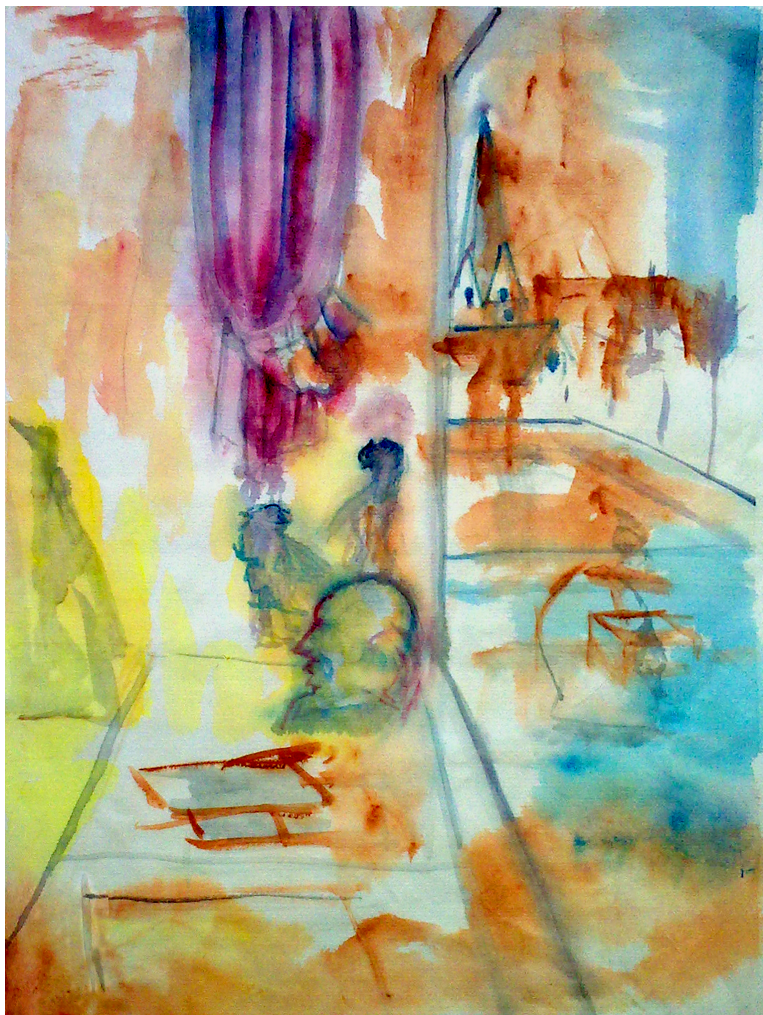
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Links: Aspergers at Work

# Workstudy students



Charley Bronze in my room, photography



Forever Charley, Water color on Chinese paper, Size: A3

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**What is your connection with the BII / The period of time you were in the BII:**

Work study to pack and distribute BII Annual Reports 1972-1994+

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Leo and Max will be 18 in about 2 months! We are still in SF, yes.

## Visitors, Friends, & Next Generation



Forever Charley, oil painting on Leinwand, Size: A2



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**What is your connection with the BII / The period of time you were in the BII:**

Through his hosts (Nishikawa SI, Honjo T) at the RIKEN who were frequent visitors of the bii, he belongs to the next generation of the bii.

**Some description of yourself to share:**

He did research visits at Kyoto University, Japan. He continued as a postdoc in the same institute with research visits at Kyoto and Harvard Universities. 2002 to 2004, he was an independent visiting scientist at the RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology in Kobe, Japan.

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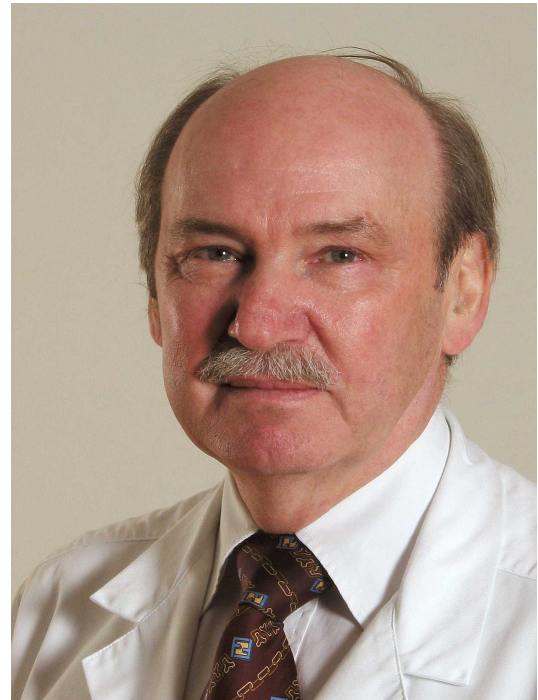
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A friend and invited speaker

**Some description of yourself to share:**

Alan Tyndal is professor and head of the department of rheumatology in the University of Basel since 1991. He is a graduate from the University of Sydney, Australia and completed his clinical and research training in internal medicine and rheumatology and research in Sydney, Canberra and London.

Current special interests include hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in autoimmune diseases, mesenchymal stem cells in autoimmune disease, systemic sclerosis, infections and TNF alpha blockade and osteoporosis.

He has over 180 publications in peer reviewed journals and 20 book chapters.

He currently serves as chairman of the EULAR Scleroderma Trials and Research (EUSTAR) clinical affairs committee, the secretary of the World Scleroderma Foundation and is acting chair for two NIH safety committees for stem cell trials. He is past chairman of the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) Standing Committee for Clinical Affairs (ESCCA) and the autoimmune disease working party of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT).



# Pass away



Forever Charley, oil painting on Leinwand, size:115x186 cm, private collector.

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Hobbies: Astrophysics, travelling, creating multimedia shows on my Mac Book Pro, Rotary,  
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FOREVER Charley by Una CHEN, ispiev@gmx.de (in Appendix)

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**Some description of yourself to share:**

Charley Steinberg and I both realized, in 1969, that The Biology Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory was going to lose its vitality after the Director, Alex Hollaender, retired. So, when Niels Jerne invited Charley to join the new Basel Institute for Immunology, this was a perfect solution for him, and he accepted. At the same time, I was offered a position at the University of Alberta in Canada, and I accepted.

I began coming to BII when I realized that as a geneticist, I really needed to know more about immunology. Charley Steinberg invited me to come to the BII in 1981 when I had a year's leave of absence from the University of Alberta after I completed my 10-year Chairmanship of the Department of Genetics. Charley and I had been close collaborators during the years we were in Oak Ridge. I was really glad to be where we could collaborate again.

The year in Basel was so wonderful for me that I went to the BII during summers when we were not teaching in Edmonton. Later I had another Sabbatical Leave of Absence to return to Basel for a year.

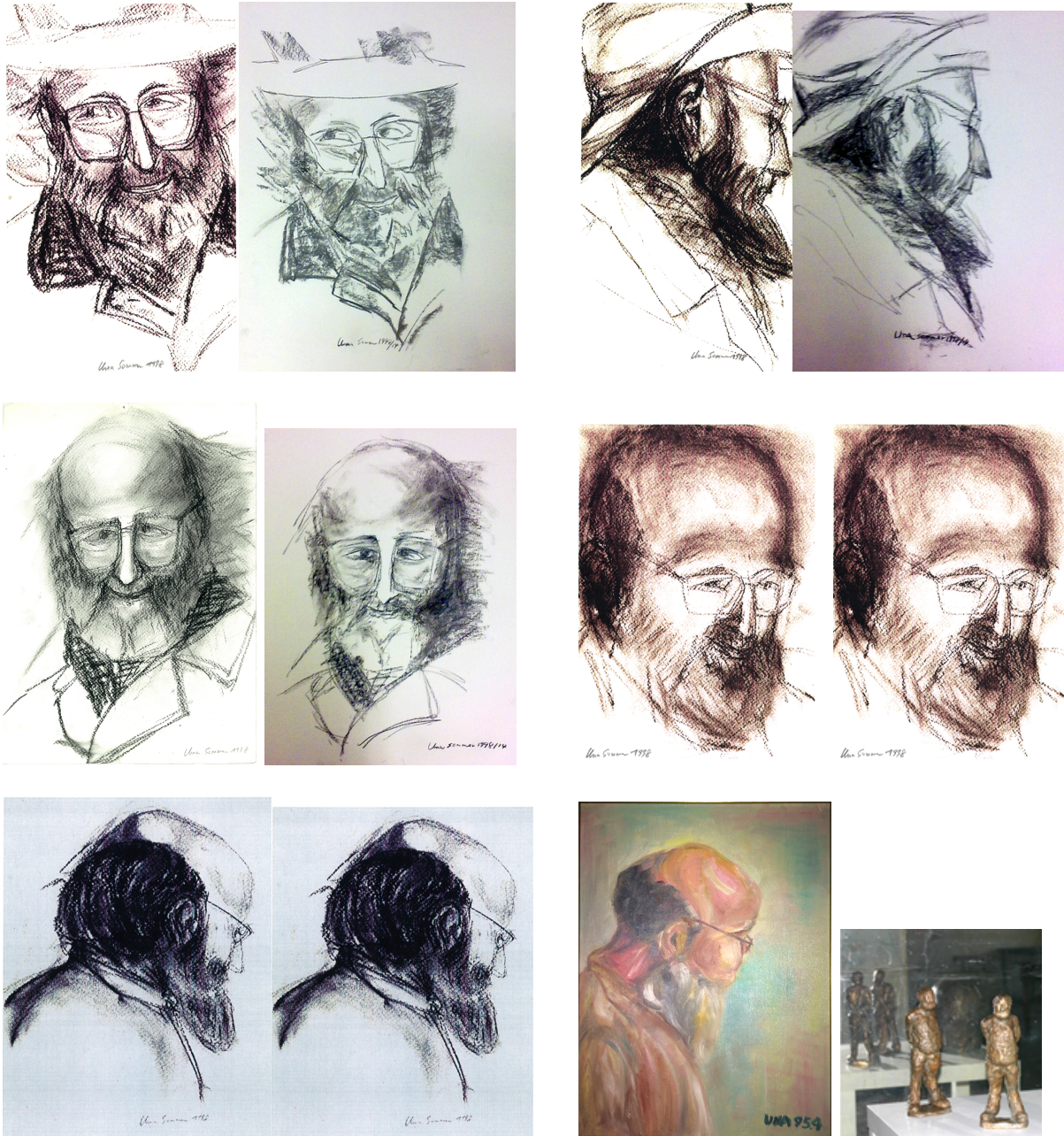
Also, I made full use of the Summer Students Program of the BII, and sent our best students from the University of Alberta to work at the BII during the summer.

In 1991, Michael Kyba worked with Antonio Lanzavecchia. In 1992, Reuben Harris worked with Antonio Lanzavecchia. In 1994, Anil Joy worked with Peter Lane. In 1995, Erika Meier worked with Louis Du Pasquier. In 1997, Michael Matic worked with Ed Palmer. In 1999, [Christopher](#) Carlson worked with Juergen Bachl.

In 1998, I sent one young man, Andre Puglesi, from Parma, Italy, to Basel (Iliana Ferrero's son). At the BII he worked with Jacob Heinz. Andre was awed with what he had learned from investigators and seminars there, and was very appreciative for the opportunity that led him to pursue further education in Switzerland and to obtain a Ph.D. in Geneva.



# Appendix



**STEINBERG, Charley**  
sketch, charcoal, A3-A4

Collector: Roche, Basel

oil painting, A3

Bronz, 7 x 10 x 28 cm

Collector: Steinberg family

**Some description of your experiences at bii to share:****Forever Charley**

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Charley's contribution was not only the science that he performed with his hands, it was also his vision and kindness to help the young scientists who came to Basel Institute of Immunology (BII), at the personal-mankind and scientific levels. He was one of the two genius of his generation, as I was told when came to the BII. He was the editor of BII annual reports, had an overview of the activities of the entire institute.

This is my personal encounter with him:

I was born in Taiwan, completed my Bachelor degree in Medical Technology at National University of Taiwan, Then, I did my Ph.D. in Immunology at the University of California at Berkeley, including the last year shuttling to conduct a collaborate project between Berkeley and the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel. My advisor was Robert Mishell, my PhD exam chairperson was Claudia Henry, the student of Niels Jerne, the first Director of BII.

Then I did a 5 years post-doctor training in Institute of Virology and Immunology of the University of Würzburg with Eberhard Wecker and Annelies Schimpl. At that time, I had two choices: one was to accept a position at the Pathology Institute of Uni Wü, and the other was to become a scientific member of BII.

I turned down the first choice and came to BII in the summer of 1986.

Before I came, I got a telephone call from a secretary of Roche, saying that I should live in Germany and communicate to Basel Switzerland daily for the work, the so called Grenzgänger-Border commuter. I said ok, without knowing what it was all about and what I was getting into.

Well, I showed up at the BII, thought to continue my work initiated at Uni Würzburg right away. Then I got a notice from the local German authority that it is illegal for a foreigner (I hold the passport of Taiwan R.O.C.) to live in Germany and to go across the border to Basel in Switzerland to work.

The administrator of the BII, Roland Giessler, a Swiss, told me that if I did not accept the condition of being a Grenzgänger-border commuter, my contract with BII would not be valid. Fritz Melcher, the director, was not in the BII, at that summer time, as usual. And I did not know what to do.

I stayed in the apartment of Lotte Kuhn, a Swiss technician who worked with Claudia Henry in Berkeley when I was a Ph.D. student. The apartment was near Claraplatz at Basel, and I went to BII to work every day without any Swiss residency permission for 6 months. I received my salary monthly with cash, since I did not have any official written contract with BII.

It was THE top news of the BII. At the coffee break, workers would speak with me outside the terrace of the institute café, and asked me what was going on.....

So, Lotte spoke with Ivan Lefkovits, her boss at the BII, a permanent member. I went to see Ivan and told him what I was told. He said right away, the person who could help me was Charley Steinberg, a permanent member of the institute.



So, I went upstairs to Charley's room and spoke with him.

He listened quietly about my story of how I came to the BII, without a single word. At the end, he stood up and said that it was because Fritz loved me so much and wanted me to work in his group as another post-doctor, but I chose to be an independent scientific member. If I would like to stay in the institute, I should collaborate with Fritz himself.....

The story afterwards, as I was told, was:

Charley went to speak with Harald von Boehmer, another permanent member of BII about me. Harald went to press Fritz in person. Fritz finally agreed to take action, by writing a letter to the Prim-minister of Baden Württemberg, south west of Germany, where the immediate German boarder to Basel belongs to, asking for an exception to the German law:

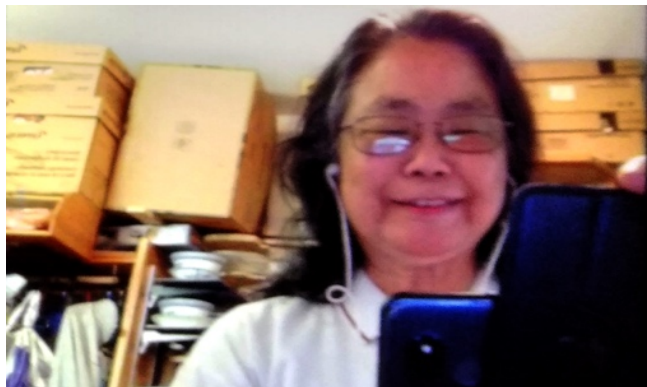
To grant me (a foreigner, holding a Taiwanese passport) to live in Germany, and to work in Basel, Switzerland (outside Germany).

It was granted.

I got the permission from the German office, brought that German document to the Swiss authority to apply for an official working permit. The Swiss officer took out my file and told me that my last application of a Grenzgänger-border commutor was expired 3 weeks after the application was submitted.

It needed to be re-applied and re-issued. If I wished I could LIVE AND WORK in Basel, Switzerland.....

In 1987, I received a notice from the Swiss authority that I should pay Swiss tax. I replied that I am a Grenzgängerin-border commutor, I pay German tax. The reply from this authority was: you have lived with Lotte Kuhn at Flora Street 25 in Basel for 6 months in 1986, you should pay Swiss tax.



Una CHEN at jitzi video conference, 10<sup>th</sup>, 06, 2021