

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Hoch

Rector of the University of Bonn



Born October 21, 1961 in Singen, Germany

Academic and professional career

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| 1983–1989 | Studies in biology at Heidelberg University, including stints at the Institut Pasteur, Paris, and the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Tübingen |
| 1989 | Earned <i>Diplom</i> degree in biology from Heidelberg University |
| 1989–1992 | Doctoral studies at LMU Munich |
| 1992 | Earned doctoral title of Dr. rer. nat. from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München |
| 1992–1994 | Postdoctoral studies at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Department of Molecular Developmental Biology |
| 1994–1998 | Research group (project group) leader at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Department of Molecular Developmental Biology |
| 1996 | <i>Habilitation</i> in Cellular Biology and Developmental Genetics at Technische Universität Braunschweig |
| Since 1999 | Professor (C4) of Molecular Developmental Biology, University of Bonn |
| 2000–2002 | Director of the Institute of Animal Physiology, Department of Biology, University of Bonn |

- 2000–2006 Founder (alongside M. Famulok) and Speaker of the LIMES (Life & Medical Sciences) Institute at the University of Bonn
- 2006–2015 Managing Director of the LIMES Institute
- Since 2015 Rector of the University of Bonn
- 2020 Re-elected as Rector for the 2021–2025 term
- 2022–2023 Member of the Board of Trustees of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- Since 2022 Deputy Chair of the German U15 (an alliance of leading research-intensive universities)
- Since 2023 President of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

Selected academic offices

- 2000–2007 Reviewer for genetics/developmental biology with the German Academic Exchange Service (postdoctoral program)
- 2002–2004 1st Speaker of the *Bonner Forum Biomedizin* (BFB)
- 2003–2004 Chair of the Department of Biology in the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Bonn
- 2003–2008 Coordinator for the *Diplom* and (from 2006/2007) the bachelor's degree program in Molecular Biomedicine
- 2006–2009 Founding chair of the Department of Molecular Biomedicine in the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the University of Bonn
- 2008–2009 Coordinator for the master's degree program in Life & Medical Sciences taught at the Department of Molecular Biomedicine
- 2008–2009 Member of the speakers' council of the Bonn International Graduate Schools (BIGS) at the University of Bonn
- 2009–2015 Member of the Minerva Fellowship Committee for the promotion of German-Israeli research, Max Planck Society, Munich

- 2013–2015 Member of the doctoral candidate selection committee of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2014 Member of the Senate of the University of Bonn

Project coordination and memberships of joint research projects

- 2001–2003 Speaker of the FOR 425 “Aptamers, Active Ingredients, Signal Molecules: Combinatorial Analysis of Cell Functions and Organogenesis” research unit of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2002–2004 Member of the “Evolution and Biodiversity in Space and Time” research training group of the German Research Foundation (DFG) (Speaker: K.-P. Sauer, Bonn)
- 2002–2011 Member of the GRK 804 research training group of the German Research Foundation (DFG) (Speaker: M. Famulok, Bonn)
- 2008–2010 Co-project manager alongside Dr. A. Archut (University Communications at the University of Bonn) of the “See, Hear, Understand” funding program (term: 2008–2010) of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2009–2012 Project manager and board member of the SFB 832 “Molecular Basis and Modulation of Cellular Interactions in the Tumor Microenvironment” collaborative research center (Speaker: M. Hallek, Cologne)
- 2005–2016 Speaker of the SFB 645 “Regulation and Manipulation of Biological Information Transmission in Dynamic Protein and Lipid Environments” collaborative research center of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2006–2016 Project manager and board member of the SFB 704 “Molecular Mechanisms and Chemical Modulation of Local Immune Regulation” collaborative research center (Speaker: W. Kolanus, Bonn)
- 2009–2016 Project manager of the TR 83 “Molecular Architecture and Cellular Function of Lipid/Protein Complexes” transregional collaborative research center (Speaker: T. Söllner, Heidelberg)
- 2012–2015 Member of the Steering Committee of the ImmunoSensation Cluster of Excellence funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)

Selected awards

- 1986–1989 Scholarship from the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 1989–1991 Doctoral fellowship funded by the *Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds*, Foundation for Basic Research in Medicine (BIF) (Stuttgart)
- 1996 Gerhard Hess Prize for Early-Career Researchers awarded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2010 Visiting research professor at Waseda University, Tokyo
- 2017 Honorary doctorate from Waseda University, Tokyo
- 2019 University Manager of the Year (awarded by the CHE Centre for Higher Education and “*Die Zeit*”)
- 2020 Signature in the “Golden Book” of the city of Bonn
- 2020 Rector of the Year 2020 (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))
- 2021 Rector of the Year 2021 (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))
- 2023 Rector of the Year 2023 (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))

Selected memberships and posts held

- Bioeconomy Science Center (BioSC): member of the Advisory Board
- Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research: member of the Bonn Alliance Council
- Deutsches Museum*, Munich: member of the Board of Trustees
- International Club La Redoute, Bad Godesberg: member of the Advisory Board
- Bonn International Award for Democracy: member of the Board of Trustees
- University Rectors’ Conference in North Rhine-Westphalia (LRK NRW): member of the Speakers’ Council

Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB): member of the Foundation Board

Max Planck Institute for Neurobiology of Behavior – caesar: member of the Board of Trustees

Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy: member of the Board of Trustees

Physikzentrum Bad Honnef of the German Physical Society: member of the Board of Trustees

Universitätsgesellschaft Bonn: member of the Executive Board

University of Bonn Foundation: member of the Executive Board