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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education:

Area	University / Institution	Titles
Public Health		
<p>Thesis in the context of Swiss national AIDS policy - Measurement of HIV-Seroprevalence in the Swiss Population (HIV/AIDS-Epidemiology, feasibility study for a nationwide UAS = Unlinked Anonymous HIV-Screening)</p>	Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland	P.H.D. 1992
<p>Master with concentration in - International Health - Health Policy and Management</p>	Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA	M.P.H. 1989
<p>Tropical Medicine and Public Health - Focus on Malaria control in a holo-endemic areas in Africa</p>	Swiss Institute for Tropical Medicine, Basle, Switzerland	Diploma 1988
<p>Medicine (master, federal diploma)</p>	University of Zurich Zurich, Switzerland	M.D. 1978

Language skills:

German:	- Mother tongue
English:	- Spoken fluently, good writing skills
French:	- Spoken fluently, good writing skills
Spanish:	- Spoken fluently, basic writing skills
Italian, Portuguese:	- Spoken little

Professional Experiences:

Period	Job focus	Title/Employer Country	Tasks
2007- today	Consulting Coaching	Founder / owner of healthFORUM A consulting firm www.healthforum.ch www.coachforhealth.ch	<p>To review, evaluate or plan health programs, to assess regional /national health systems or humanitarian work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 - M21, Swiss NGO: Review and strategic options for a Health Development Project, Cameroon. • 2016/17 - M21, Swiss NGO: RD Congo: Review and strategic outlook 2018-30 for a district health project. • 2015/16 - SDC-HQs, Bern: Conceptual work on Health Indicator Development; resulting in 'SDC's Working Aid for Health Monitoring'. • 2014 - ICRC: mission Niger, contribution to the Reform of the penitentiary health system. • 2014 - ICRC: mission Honduras, Assessment of the penitentiary health system. • 2012 - SDC-Albania: Health Sector Assessment to prepare the launch of a new SDC health project. • 2010 - SDC-Albania: External Evaluation of Phase I and Planning Phase II of the 'Professional Development System for Health staff' project. • 2010 - Medicus Mundi Swiss, Basel: Assessment of said Swiss network, an umbrella organization for Swiss health development NGOs. • 2008 - SDC-Bosnia&Herzegovina: Fact finding mission for a Mental Health Reform project. • 2008 - SDC-Kosovo: Appraisal mission for a new Mental Health project. • 2007 - SDC Romania: External Review at closure of the 'SDC Emergency Services project'. <p>Individual Health Coaching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007-15 - Switzerland: counselling on health literacy, e.g. issues with the health system, diagnostics, treatments, prevention, etc.
2000-2006	Consulting	Founder / owner of HMC Health Management Consulting A consulting firm	<p>For SDC: To evaluate a large Hospital Program (B.Richner Children hospital), Cambodia; to prepare and chair a Donor Coordination Meeting, Albania.</p> <p>For COHRED: To contribute to the organization and follow-up of the International Conference on Health Research, Bangkok 2001.</p> <p>For WHO: to coach the staff of the WHO Health Promotion program, Geneva (in order to set priorities during the 2000-2001 WHO reorganization process).</p>
1999-2000	Health research systems development	COHRED, Senior Health Advisor, NGO: Council on Health R&D	To establish a network of Latin American researchers and promote a common strategy for Health Research Capacity Building ; to support the LA health research community to voice their demands and needs at the International Bangkok conference for Health Research of the year 2000.



1992-1999	Development Cooperation, ODA	Senior Health Officer Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Department of Foreign Affairs, Bern, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To create the conceptual basis of the Swiss ODA in the field of public health by formulating new policy-guidelines to promote and integrate ‘a holistic, multisectoral approach to health development’ into projects and programs; to evaluate the implementation of the guidelines at field level (field missions to Tanzania, Mozambique, Benin, Chad, Bangladesh, Nepal) and to capitalize on SDCs experiences. ▪ To strengthen SDCs role in the global effort to improve the knowledge base of public health by establishing contacts and exchange field experiences with public health researchers and professionals; e.g. by contributing to the launch of the ‘Global Forum on Health Research’ (SDC-health organized its founding meeting on June 1997). ▪ To foster the creation of the Swiss national network of International Public Health, ‘MMS’, as advocate and promotor of congruence between the Swiss ODA, Swiss health NGO’s and the Swiss Public Health value system. ▪ To establish an active representation of the Swiss government in bi- and multilateral meetings in the field of public health (WHO, World Bank, UNICEF).
1984-1991	Humanitarian Aid in conflicts • Health Emergencies • Nutrition, Primary Health Care • TB-control	Medical Officer ICRC <u>Medical Field Coordinator</u> of ICRC medical action during Gulf War ‘91 <u>Medical Field Officer</u> (Zaire ‘85) <u>Chief of Medical Delegations</u> (Iraq ‘88, Eritrea ‘86, Peru ‘85) <u>Medical Field Officer</u> (Peru, Lima ‘84)	<p>Various long and short term missions:</p> <p>To collect data about basic needs of the civil population in the war zone and develop a relief plan in coordination with the ICRC-team in Iraq, ICRC headquarters, international agencies and the Iranian government; to plan and establish several refugee camps.</p> <p>To organize a large hostage release operation (300 hostages), provide basic treatments using scarce human and material resources.</p> <p>To plan and execute several surveys in conflict areas to evaluate nutritional and general health status, to define the intervention strategy for nutritional and health relief.</p> <p>To introduce a short course TB-treatment policy (DOTS) in a high prevalence / high risk population (main jail of capital Lima, 6000 inmates), supervise and educate medical staff of prison hospital, negotiate treatment schemes with national authorities, perform drug resistance testing, organize regular drug procurement.</p>
1983-1984	Immunization, EPI	Chief of Delegation SDC, Disaster Relief Branch, Equatorial Guinea	To re-establish a national EPI program after the civil war, integrate it into the remaining primary health care structures, organize the field activities and create an education program for local staff; to negotiate supply and resource issues with national health authorities.
1979-1983	Clinical Work in Switzerland	Physician Swiss Air Rescue Regional, City Hospitals General practitioner	Emergency Service, Repatriation Flights Anaesthesiology/Intensive Care, Emergencies, General Surgery Family Medicine



Research:

1989-1993	Epidemiological Surveillance in the field of <u>HIV/AIDS</u>	Senior Researcher University of Zurich, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine	To evaluate the most effective tools for the Swiss HIV-surveillance, to advise the federal health authority in their decision-making concerning AIDS-epidemiology and -prevention. 1992-93: to test the feasibility of a Swiss ' unlinked anonymous HIV-screening ' (New-born-Screening, Sentinel Hospital Screening, etc.)
1986-1987	In the field of <u>TB-control</u> , MOTT-disease	Research Assistant Geneva University Hospital, TB Unit	To develop a Research Protocol for a national referral system for Mycobacteria diseases 'Other Than Tuberculosis (MOTT)' including opportunistic infections in AIDS; to evaluate the TB-program of ICRC's DOTS intervention in Peru.

Memberships:

Since 2008	SWISS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION	Member	
1993-2000	COHRED Council on Health Research for Development	Board-Member	Chair of the Advisory Committee on Capacity Development for Essential National Health Research (RESCAP)
1996-1999	GFHR Global Forum for Health Research	Founding Member, Member of Foundation Council	Member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee (STRATEC)
1997	SWAPs International Working Group	Co-opted Member	Focal Point for the Theme Group on multi-sector dimensions of Health and Human Development

