

Name, date of birth
Albers, Sonja-Verena,
Born: 20.03.1972

Position Title
Professor for Microbiology
Faculty for Biology, University of Freiburg

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Institution and Location	Degree	Year(s)	Field of Study
University of Würzburg	Diplom	1996	Biologie
University of Groningen	PhD	1997- 2001	Molecular Microbiology
Philips University Marburg	Habilitation	2011	Microbiology

A. Positions and Honours

Employment/Experience

Since 2014 W3 professor for microbiology at the University of Freiburg
2008 – 2014 Max Planck Research group leader (free floater) at the Max Planck Institute for terrestrial Microbiology, Marburg, Germany
2006 – 2008 VIDJ grant holder (NWO), Group leader, University of Groningen, NL
2003 – 2006 VENI grant holder (NWO), PostDoc, University of Groningen, NL
2001 – 2003 PostDoc, University of Groningen, NL, Prof. A.J.M. Driessen

Honors, Awards and Scholarships

2023 Elected member of the American Academy of Microbiology
2022 Elected member of the Leopoldina, National Academy of science
2019 Elected EMBO member
2019 Awarded "Momentum" grant and "Life?" consortium by the Volkswagen Foundation
2017 Elected member of the European Academy of Microbiology
2013 – 2018 ERC starting grant
Since 2014 VAAM workgroup leader "Archaea"
Since 2013 Editorial board of FEMS Reviews Microbiology
2012 Forschungspreis VAAM
2013 Chair of the Gordon Research Conference on Archaea: Metabolism, Ecology and Molecular Biology
2008 – 2014 Leadership of a Max Planck Research group (free floater)
2006 – 2011 VIDJ grant from NWO (Dutch Science Organisation)
2003 – 2006 VENI grant from NWO (Dutch Science Organisation)

Other Scientific Activities

2021 - Dean of the Faculty of Biology
2019 - Chair of the Panel Structural Biology BIO2 of FWO (Belgian Research Foundation)
2019 -2021 Prodean of the Faculty of Biology
2019 - Member of the Senate of the University of Freiburg
2014 - 2019 VAAM workgroup leader "Archaea"
Since 2013 Editorial board of FEMS Reviews Microbiology