

Name, date of birth

BACKOFEN, Rolf
02.06.1963

Position Title

Full professor
Institute of Computer Science
Faculty of Engineering

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Institution and Location	Degree	Year(s)	Field of Study
University of Munich, Germany	Habilitation	2000	Bioinformatics
University of Saarbrücken, Germany	Dr. rer. Nat.	1994	Computer Science
University of Erlangen, Germany	Diploma	1983-1989	Computer Science

A. Positions and Honours**Employment/Experience**

since 07/2005 Full Professor (W3) at Institute of Computer Science, University of Freiburg
 11/2001 – 06/2005 Full Professor (C4) at Institute of Computer Science, University of Jena
 09/1999 Research visit at Sandia National Labs, Albuquerque (NM)
 02/1996 – 09/2001 Postdoctoral position (C1) at University of Munich
 04/1990 – 01/1996 Research Fellow at German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) GmbH, Saarbrücken
 09/1989 – 03/1990 Research Fellow at University of Erlangen/Nuremberg

Honors, Awards and Scholarships

2004 Ranked 1st for Full Professorship in Linz
 2000 Ranked 2nd for Full Professorship in Dresden
 1990 Siemens Doktorandenkreis
 1985 Siemens Studentenkreis (scholarship for selected students from Siemens)
 1982 Bayerische Begabtenförderung (scholarship for best high school pupils in Bavaria)

Other Scientific Activities**Editorial Boards**

since 2011 Associate Editor, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
 since 2010 Associate Editor, BMC Bioinformatics
 since 2006 Associate Editor, Algorithms for Molecular Biology

Advisory Boards

since 2006 Member of Scientific Advisory Board, ONTOWERSE Project

Collaborative Projects

2009 – present Member DFG-SPP Informations- und Kommunikationstheorie in der Molekularbiologie
 2008 - present Member Excellence Cluster BIOS
 2006 – 2009 Member FRISYS Freiburger Initiative für Systembiologie,
 2006 – present Member DFG-SPP Detection of Bacterial ncRNAs and their Targets
 2005 – 2008 Member SFB Multifunctional Signal Proteins, Jena
 2005 – 2008 Member EU-Project Emergent organisation in complex biomolecular systems (EMBIO), NEST-2003-Path-1
 2004 – 2008 Member EU-Network of Excellence REWERSE
 2003 – 2007 Member of BMBF Competence Center in Bioinformatics, Jena

Program Commitees

International Conference on Research in Computational Biology (RECOMB 2011)
International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB 2010)
Workshop on Computational studies of non-coding RNA, Pacific Symposium
on Bioinformatics (Co-Organizer, 2010)
European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB 2010)
Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2010)
Conference on Bioinformatics Research and Development (2008)
Informatik WS (2008)
IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM 2008)
International Conference on Computational and Systems Biology (CASB 2006)
German Conference on Bioinformatics (GCB 2007-2009)
Workshop on Constraint Based Methods for Bioinformatics (WBC 1997 - today)
Workshop on Symmetry in Constraint Satisfaction Problems (SymCon 2001-2008)
Workshop on Constraint Based Methods for Bioinformatics (Organizer 1997)