

# 1. Curriculum vitae: Patrick Wagner

## 1) Personal data

Place of birth: Aschaffenburg (Germany), June 10, 1967  
Marital status: married to Tania Houttekier, children: Merlijn (°2000) and Merel (°2003)  
Languages: German (mother tongue), Dutch and English at C1 level (CEFR standard)  
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## 3) Education

1986 – 1991 'Diplom-Physiker' at the *Technical University Darmstadt* / Germany, degree: 'mit Auszeichnung bestanden' (summa cum laude)

1991 – 1994 Doctoral studies (Ph.D.) in experimental physics at *TU Darmstadt*, degree: 'sehr gut bestanden' (magna cum laude) on November 14, 1994.

## 4) Employment

Since 2022 Head of the Laboratory for Soft Matter and Biophysics.

Since 2014 Full professor of physics at KU Leuven, Department of Physics and Astronomy.

2001 – 2014 Professor of physics at Hasselt University, since 2011 as full professor.

1995 – 2001 Postdoctoral fellow at the Laboratory for Solid State Physics & Magnetism, KU Leuven.

1991 – 1994 Research assistant at the Institute for Solid State Physics at TU Darmstadt, Germany.

## 5) Current research activities

a) Development of bio- and chemosensors for the detection and characterization of:

- Mutations in nucleic acids,
- Neurotransmitters and inflammation markers in body fluids,
- Living cells, bacteria, proteins, lipid vesicles, and membranes.

b) Mainly employed biosensing techniques:

- Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy EIS,
- Microgravimetry (quartz-crystal microbalance) with dissipation monitoring QCM-D,
- Heat transfer through biologically functionalized surfaces (HTM, own development).

c) Development of synthetic receptors and surface-chemical coupling routes:

- Molecularly- and surface-imprinted polymers (MIPs and SIPs)
- Coupling of natural and synthetic receptors to various chip materials including synthetic diamond, graphene, noble metals, and biocompatible oxides ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ).

## 6) Teaching assignments

- '*Biophysics*' for students of the 1<sup>st</sup> bachelor Biology (9 ECTS points).
- '*Physics with elements of mathematics*' for the 1<sup>st</sup> bachelor Pharmacy (9 ECTS points).
- '*General physics 2*' for the 1<sup>st</sup> bachelor Physics/Mathematics (6 ECTS points).
- '*Transport processes in biological systems*' for master students in Biophysics, Biochemistry, and Biotechnology, jointly with prof. Marc Fransen (6 ECTS points).

## 7) Scientific distinctions

- 2008 – 2014 *Methusalem Grant* of the Flemish Government (01/01/2008 – 31/12/2014).
- 1996 – 1998 *Marie-Curie-Fellowship* of the European Union (01/06/1996 – 31/05/1998) with the project 'Wave-vector dependent tunneling in novel superconductors'.
- 1991 Master-student award of the WE-Heraeus Foundation.
- Others Several teaching distinctions awarded by the Faculties of Science and Pharmacy.

## 8) Editorial tasks

- Since 2018 Editor in the biosensors section of the MDPI journal *Sensors* (A1 journal).
- Since 2016 Editor-in-chief of the Elsevier journal *Physics in Medicine*.
- Since 2009 Guest editor of the annual section on 'Engineering of Functional Interfaces' in the Wiley journal *Physica Status Solidi A* (A1 journal).

## 9) Scientific community services

- 2023 Vice-chair of the 3<sup>rd</sup> *European Biosensor Symposium EBSS* in Aachen, Germany.
- Since 2020 Member of the *Interdisciplinary Panel* of FWO – Research Foundation Flanders.
- Since 2019 Board member of the Belgian Biophysical Society.
- 2016 - 2019 Chair of the scientific advisory board of the *Kurt-Schwabe-Institute for Measurement- and Sensor Technology* (Dresden, Germany), board member since 2011.
- 2010 - 2015 Member of the expert panel 'W&T 7 – Energy, Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Mechanics' of FWO – Research Foundation Flanders.
- Since 2008 Co-organizer of the annual, interdisciplinary workshop 'EnFI - Engineering of Functional Interfaces' for Ph.D. students and postdoctoral researchers.
- 2006 & 2007 President of the *Belgian Physical Society*.
- 2005 & 2008 Vice president of the *Belgian Physical Society*.
- Ongoing Reviewer of journals (selected): *Biosensors & Bioelectronics*, *Physical Review Letters*, *Europhysics Letters*, *Langmuir*, *Sensors*, *Nature Nanotechnology*, *Analytical Chemistry*, *Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry*, *Food Chemistry*, *Sensors and Actuators A (Physical) and B (Chemical)*, *Lab-on-a-Chip*, *Electrochimica Acta* etc.
- Project evaluations for foreign research foundations (e.g. Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek NoW, Czech Science Foundation GACR, ERC Starting Grants, UEFISCSU Romania, FWF Austria, Israel Science Foundation).
- Memberships in external Ph.D. juries including e.g. Antwerp University, University of Ghent, Jyväskylä University, TU Eindhoven, TU Dresden, TU Delft, University Vienna.
- 10) PhDs** Until date, P. Wagner was promoter of 25 successfully defended 20 Ph.D. projects, being 20 at Hasselt University and 5 at KU Leuven. Four running Ph.D. projects will be defended at KU Leuven during 2022.

## 11) Recent invited lectures

- Dresdner Sensor Symposium, Dresden, Germany (5 – 7/12/202)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Intl. Conference on Molecular Electronics and Bioelectronics, Nara, Japan (24 – 26/06/2019).
- Point-of-Care, Biosensors & Mobile Diagnostics, Rotterdam, The Netherlands (18 – 19/06/2019)
- Bioinspired Materials 2018, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK (10/10/2018)
- International Meeting on Chemical Sensors IMCS 2018, Vienna, Austria (15 – 19/07/2018).
- First European Biosensor Symposium, Potsdam, Germany (20 – 23/03/2017).