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Curriculum vitae

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 28 July 1972
Nationality: Swiss
Marital Status: married
Children: Mattis (2003), Mina (2005)

Education

- 2001 - 2003 Post-diploma course "Applied Statistics" at ETH Zurich (2 years, 1 day/week).
- 1999 - 2003 PhD at ETH Zurich with Prof. Paul Schmid-Hempel. Experimental ecology studies (field and laboratory) on bumble bees.
- 1998/1999 Diploma thesis at the Transvaal Museum in Pretoria, South Africa, with Dr. Martin Whiting (14 months). Behavioural studies on lizards. Field work in rural areas. "Ambassadorial Scholarship" from Rotary International.
- 1995 - 1997 Three semesters of graduate studies in Basle. Main courses in ecology, behaviour, evolution, conservation.
- 1994/1995 Two semesters at the University of Geneva, pre-diploma exams in French
- 1993 - 1995 Undergraduate student at Basle University. Lectures in zoology, botany, chemistry, biochemistry, mathematics, statistics, physics, evolution, ecology, behaviour.
- 1990/1991 Student exchange year and high school diploma at Harpursville Central School, U.S.A.
- 1979 - 1993 Primary school, gymnasium and matriculation (type C, science) in Willisau and Sursee, Switzerland.

Work Experience

- since 2003 Employed by the canton of Lucerne as head of a nature education centre (www.Naturlehrgebiet.ch; 65% position). Responsible for all aspects of the centre, such as strategic planning, project initiation, development and realisation, fund raising for special projects, recruitment and supervision of trainees and volunteers, development of educational tools, guiding of school classes and all kinds of adult groups, administration, maintenance of infrastructure, landscape management, public relations.
Statistical consulting in the agency of my wife (around 20%).
Childcare and house husband duties.

- 2003 - 2007 Regular writing of short texts for a popular Swiss ornithology journal
- 1997/1998 Substitute teacher for biology and science for three months (100%) at the gymnasium Willisau.
- 1996/1997 Practical in an ecology consulting company (LifeScience Basle) for three months (50%).
- 1996/1997 Statistics demonstrator for one semester in the lecture 'Statistics for Biologists' by Prof. E. Luedin at the University of Basle.
- 1996 Substitute teacher for mathematics for four weeks (50%) at the gymnasium Willisau.

Other activities

- since 2005 Member of the auxiliary fire brigade of Ettiswil.
- 2003, 2004 Ornithological field work in a project of the Swiss Ornithological Institute in Mauretania (7 weeks on the coast in 2003, 5 weeks in the desert in 2004)
- since 2003 Member of the board of Naturschutzverein Willisau (local nature conservation group).
- since 2002 Member of the board of the Luzerner Natur- und Vogelschutzverein LNVV (regional nature conservation group).
- 1995 Bird ringer exam, Swiss Ornithological Institute.

Since about 15 years I regularly guide groups and give courses, mainly for adults, on ornithology and other nature topics (semi-professional activity).

Hobbies

Birdwatching, botany, hiking, literature, history.

Traveling (among others): USA (1992), 3 weeks Botswana-Namibia (1999), 5 months with our children through eastern Europe (from Norway to Greece; 2006), 2 weeks Thailand (2008)

Social Skills

Open-minded and adaptable, goal-oriented, team player but also proactiv. Excellent work ethic.

Languages and other Skills

German - native speaker

English - fluent (spoken and written; about 2.5 years in English speaking countries)

French - fluent (spoken and written; one year in French speaking areas)

Italien - basic knowledge

Arabic - learning (Migros club school, presently in 3rd semester)

Computer: Good skills in Office, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, statistical packages (R, SPSS)

Medium skills in ArcGIS, Dreamweaver

Drivers licence for cars.