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EMPLOYMENT

2013 – today **Postdoctoral fellow** at Technical University of Denmark with Prof. Lone Gram
Jan – Aug 2015 Maternity leave (7 months), effective years since PhD (Jan 2011): 4 years 10 months
2011 – 2013 **Postdoctoral fellow** at University of California, San Diego, USA with Prof. Michael Burkart

EDUCATION

2008 – 2011 **Ph.D. in Marine Microbiology**, Jacobs University Bremen and MarMic graduate student at Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany
2002 – 2007 **Diploma in Biology**, Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel, Germany and Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven, Germany
2006 3-month internship at DTU Aqua, Denmark
2006 Term abroad at Syddansk Universitet, Odense, Denmark

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

2006 Conference assistant at EUROPT(R)ODE VIII conference, Tübingen, Germany
2005 – 2006 Research assistant at Institute of Polar Ecology, Kiel, Germany
2003 – 2004 Research assistant at IfM-GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany

SCIENTIFIC PROFILE

During my eight years in research, I have investigated **microbial interactions** on the molecular level. My education in biological oceanography provides me with an ecological view on scientific problems and my steadily expanding skill set in **microbiology**, **molecular biology**, **bioinformatics** and **biochemistry** allows me to tackle them from different angles. My research is driven by **basic research** questions, but I am also dedicated to translate and exploit this knowledge into **industrial applications**. In the future, my research will contribute to the vastly growing field of **microbial utilization** by providing strains, metabolic pathways and metabolites, while in parallel, elucidate their **natural function** in the environment.

FELLOWSHIPS

- Travel grant of the 15th International Conference on the Cell & Molecular Biology of Chlamydomonas (Potsdam, Germany) (June 2012)
- Travel grant of the Gordon Research Conference for Marine Microbes (Tilton, NH, USA) (April 2010)
- PhD fellowship of Jacobs University Bremen, Germany (2008 – 2010)

CRUISE EXPERIENCE

- 2007 Research cruise on RV Poseidon (4 weeks): isolation and cultivation of microzooplankton, on board feeding studies on toxic microalgae
- 2006 Research cruise on RV Alkor (1 week): oceanographic training in CTD, nutrient analysis, primary production, and plankton diversity
- 2005 Research cruise on RV Littorina (1 week): sampling of benthos as course material

TEACHING

- Guidance and supervision of undergraduate and graduate students and visiting scientists, Technical University of Denmark, University of California, San Diego and Jacobs University Bremen
- Microbiological lab course for undergraduate students and lecture on “Studying bacterial chemotaxis in diatom-bacteria interactions”, Jacobs University Bremen
- Tutorials on MarMic lectures and teaching assistant of MarMic field course, Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen

CONFERENCES (selected)

- ASM Microbe, oral presentation: “Under the Sea – *Roseobacter* Gardening of Microalgae” (June 2016)
- General assembly of PharmaSea, oral presentation: “The search for novel bioactives from marine bacteria isolated during a global sampling trip” (September 2014)
- General assembly of the FP7 project MaCumba, oral presentation: “Detection of cell-to-cell signalling molecules from marine Vibrionaceae” (September 2014)
- SD-CAB student and postdoc symposium, oral presentation: “Activation of secondary metabolite pathways in microalgae” (January 2013)
- 15th International Conference on the Cell & Molecular Biology of Chlamydomonas, Potsdam, Germany, poster presentation: “Metabolic engineering of microalgae towards the production of secondary metabolites” (June 2012)
- Gordon Research Conference for Marine Microbes, Tilton, NH, USA, poster presentation: “Chemotaxis of *Marinobacter* sp. HP15 and its role in diatom-bacteria interactions” (July 2010)
- Gordon Research Conference for Marine Natural Products, Ventura, CA, USA, short talk and poster presentation: “Molecular and biochemical investigations on diatom-bacteria interactions” (March 2010)

ADVANCED TRAINING (selected)

- Teaching & Learning (Module 1 of UDTU), Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark (May 2014)
- Education in University Teaching (Module 2-4 of UDTU), Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark (scheduled for September 2016-2017)
- 6-day advanced biofilm course, Helsingør, Denmark (October 2013)
- 2-day soft skill courses in self and time management (March 2008) and scientific writing and speaking, Bremen, Germany (June 2010)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Ad hoc reviewer for the Natural Science Foundation, African Journal of Microbiology, Estuaries and Coasts
- Co-coordination of subsection “Crop protection” in grant funded by the Department of Energy
- Presentation at outreach event to the public (Green Open House), UC San Diego, 2011

REFERENCES

- Prof. Lone Gram; Technical University of Denmark, Denmark; gram@bio.dtu.dk, +45 4525 2586
- Prof. Michael Burkart; University of California, San Diego, USA; mburkart@ucsd.edu; +1 858 534 5673
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CURRENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

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