

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Birth: 9 April 1979 in Sion (CH)**

**Single**

**Swiss**

### *Commercial activities*

2012-present     Founder and CEO of Drososhare GmbH (Berlin, Germany),  
a company aiming to facilitate fly stock exchanges between scientists.

### *Research activities*

2009-present     Postdoctoral fellow, FU (**Berlin**, Germany), by Prof. B. Brembs  
working on "the what and where of operant learning in *Drosophila*".

2007-2008        Postdoctoral fellow, ESPCI (**Paris**, France), by Dr. T. Preat  
working on "appetitive learning in *Drosophila*".

### *Education*

2012-2013        Moderation and management (Continuing Education), 56 hours, Artop (Berlin).

2006              PhD in Biology, University of Fribourg (**Fribourg**, Switzerland).  
PhD dissertation: "The chemosensory system of *Drosophila* larvae: neuroanatomy and behaviour"  
Thesis director: Prof. R.F Stocker

2002              Diploma in Biology, University of Fribourg (**Fribourg**, Switzerland)

1998              "Maturité fédérale type C" (scientific subsection), in the "Collège de la royale  
Abbaye de St. Maurice"

### *Languages*

French (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (fluent), Spanish (basics).

### *Research output metrics*

h-index =5, RG score = 14.25 (>55%), Meeting Presentations = 23  
(5 first author research papers, 3 others, 1 Open source software)

### ***Supervision of student***

- 2010-present Co-supervisor of the PhD student Chistine Damrau (with Dr. B.Brembs) on the role of octopamine in reward, motivation and motor control in *Drosophila*.  
2008 Co-supervisor of the PhD student Séverine Trannoy (with Dr. G. Isabel and Dr. N. Gervasi) on the role of dopamine in appetitive learning consolidation in *Drosophila*.  
2005 Co-supervisor of the diploma work of Claire Huguenin (with Dr. A. Ramaekers) on the role of NO in olfactory discrimination in *Drosophila* larvae.

### ***Teaching experience***

- 2012 Genetik (bachelor student, 2 x 3 h. lecture, 2x 1h. seminar)  
2012 Neurogenetik. (master student, 2 x 2 h. lecture, 2x 1h. seminar)  
  
2011 Practical course neurobiology. (7 x 4 h., Practical course supervision)  
2011 Entwicklung der Insekten [Insect development] (2 h. lecture)  
  
2006 Fluorescence and Confocal Microscopy (master student, 3h. lecture)  
2003-2006 Studying behavior. (master student, 2 h. lecture)  
2003-2005 Developmental- and Neurogenetics (master student, 2 h. lecture).

### ***Approved grants***

- 2010 DFG Forschungsgruppe "biogenic amines in insects", cowritten with Dr. Brembs.  
2009 SNF for avanced researchers: PA00P3-124141 - "The what and where of operant learning in *Drosophila*"  
2007 SNF for prospective researchers: PBFR33-116951 - "Memory phases of reward learning in *Drosophila melanogaster*"

### ***Organization of conferences***

- 2004 Co-organizer of a PhD meeting, in Cerniat. (30 participants)

### ***Reviewer for the following journals***

PRE-PUBLICATION: Current Biology, Proceedings of the royal society B, The Journal of Experimental Biology, learning and memory, PLoS one, JEAB  
POST-PUBLICATION: Associate member of faculty of 1000

### ***Computer skills***

Publishing: T<sub>E</sub>X, Office; html; Image processing: Photoshop, Illustrator, Image J;  
Programming: Labview, R (freeware for statistics)

### ***Other tasks***

Creation of the T. Preat's and R.F. Stocker's lab website.  
Co-director in the theater group "les apostrophes" in 2006  
Cashier of and actor in the theater group "les apostrophes" in 2002-2005.

## RESEARCH PRODUCTS

### *Open source Software*

- (2011-2013) CeTrAn 1.4 to 4.0, available at [www.buridan.sourceforge.net](http://www.buridan.sourceforge.net). Used for at least two research papers.

### *Peer review publications*

- (2012). **Julien Colomb**, Lutz Reiter, Jędrzej Błaszczewicz, Jan Wessnitzer and Björn Brembs.  
“Open Source Tracking and Analysis of Adult *Drosophila* Locomotion in Buridan’s Paradigm with and without Visual Targets.”. Plos One (7(8): e42247).
- (2009). **Julien Colomb**, Laure Kaiser, Marie-Ange Chabaud, Thomas Preat.  
“Parametric and genetic analysis of *Drosophila* appetitive long-term memory and sugar motivation” Genes Brain and Behaviour (8 (4): 407-415).  
cited 22 times
- (2007). **Julien Colomb**, Nicola Grillenzoni, Ariane Ramaekers, and Reinhard F. Stocker.  
“Architecture of the primary taste center of *Drosophila melanogaster* larvae”. J. comp. neurol. (502: 834-847).  
cited 35 times
- (2007). **Julien Colomb\***, Rüdiger Bader\*, Bettina Pankratz, Anne Schröck, Reinhard F. Stocker, and Michael J. Pankratz.  
“Genetic dissection of a neural circuit underlying feeding behavior in *Drosophila*: distinct morphology of single *hugin* expressing neurons”. J. comp. neurol. (502: 848-856).  
\* the two authors participated equally to this work.  
cited 33 times
- (2007). **Julien Colomb**, Nicola Grillenzoni, Reinhard F. Stocker, and Ariane Ramaekers.  
“Complex behavioural changes after odour exposure in *Drosophila* larva”. Anim. Behav. (73 (4): 579-85).  
cited 8 times
- (2010). **Julien Colomb**, Björn Brembs  
“biology of psychology: "simple conditioning"” Communicative and Integrative Biology (3 (2): 142-145).  
cited 5 times
- (2008). **Julien Colomb**  
“Discriminative learning, learning generalization and masking tests as three strategies to assess olfactory discrimination.” Animal Behaviour: New Research 185-192  
cited 0 times

- (2007). **Julien Colomb**, Reinhard F. Stocker  
"Combined rather than separate pathway for hedonic and sensory aspects of taste in *Drosophila* larvae." FLY (1 (4): 232-234).  
cited 2 times

### *Meeting presentations (seventh most representative)*

- 2012 PKC and DFoxP are necessary for operant self-learning.  
POSTER PRESENTATION at the FENS meeting, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2011 Hide if you can't fly !?  
POSTER PRESENTATION at the GNS meeting, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2010 The what and where of operant learning in *Drosophila*.  
POSTER PRESENTATION at the SNF meeting, San Diego, USA.
- 2008 New insight into appetitive Long term memory in *Drosophila*.  
POSTER PRESENTATION at the FENS Forum, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2006 Sub-regions in the primary taste center of *Drosophila* larvae.  
ORAL PRESENTATION at the 11th European *Drosophila* neurobiology Conference, Leuven, Belgium
- 2004 Learning by odor exposure in agar plate.  
ORAL PRESENTATION at the behavioural neurobiology of *Drosophila* larvae meeting, Würzburg, Germany.
- 2002 Functional studies of the chemosensory system of the *Drosophila* larva using a new tool: the GAL4 / UAS-shi<sup>ts</sup> system.  
ORAL PRESENTATION at the Swiss *Drosophila* meeting, Basel, Switzerland.