

## Curriculum Vitae

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

**Single**  
**Swiss**

### *Research activities*

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

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

### *Education*

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

2002            Diploma in Biology  
                    University of Fribourg (CH)  
                    Subject: "Anatomical and functional studies of the chemosensory system of the *Drosophila* larva suggest the presence of a gustatory target area in the antennal lobe?"

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

### *Approved grants*

2010            Forschungsgruppe "biogenic amines in insects". Grant cowritten with B.Brembs

2009            SNF for advanced researches : 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*

### ***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).

### ***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.

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

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

### ***Languages***

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

### ***Computer skills***

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

### ***reviewer for the following journals***

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

### ***Other tasks***

Founding of the *Drososhare* startup  
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.

## ***Publications***

5 1st author research paper

2 review (from which 1 book chapter)

1 extra-view article

h-index: 5

submitted

- (-). **Ezequiel Mendoza, Julien Colomb**, Juergen Rypbak, Hans-Joachim Pflueger, Troy Zars, Constance Scharff and Björn Brembs.  
“*Drosophila* FoxP is necessary for operant self-learning.” PNAS (-).  
cited 1 times

Peer reviewed article

- (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

Reviews and comment article

- (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.