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Philippe Alexandre Sakalis was born on September 16th 1981 in Ukkel, Belgium. He grew up in Tervuren and also lived for three years in Luxemburg. He attended the European School Brussels II and the Ecole Européenne de Luxembourg I. In 1999 he obtained the European Baccalaureate in Brussels and moved to Delft the same year. In 2000, he started the study Biology at Universiteit Leiden to obtain his Doctorandus degree. During this time he did one internship in the department of Molecular and Developmental Genetics at the Institute of Biology Leiden (IBL) under supervision of Dr. Adam Vivian-Smith and Dr. Remko Offringa on the role of microRNAs in fruit development. During a second internship at Molecular Biology (IBL) under supervision of Dr. Christoph Bagowski he worked on the role of several PDZ proteins in embryonic development. In this internship he was involved in the research leading to four publications. In 2008, after obtaining his Doctorandus degree he worked as researcher for the spin-off company Add2X Bio Sciences B.V. in Leiden on gene targeting in plants. In the same year he started as PhD candidate in the group of Paul Hooykaas, under supervision of Dr. Paul van Heusden. As a PhD candidate, he was actively involved in the Scientific Meetings Committee of Biology, the Institute Council IBL and the University Council. The PhD project focused on visualizing protein translocation from *Agrobacterium* to host cells by real time confocal microscopy. The results he obtained during his candidature are documented in this thesis.