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Curriculum vitae

Hendrik Müller was born on 12. December 1975 in Berlin, Germany. He entered the 4. Polytechnic School Berlin Weissensee in 1982. In 1990 he transferred to the newly established 1. Grammar School Berlin Weissensee “Wieland Herzfelde”, where he obtained his Abitur in 1995. In the same year, he enrolled in Biology at the Humboldt-University Berlin and obtained his Vordiplom in 1997. For his Diplom studies he chose zoology as a major and developmental biology and palaeobiology as minor subjects and graduated in 2002 as a Diplom-Biologe with a thesis on skull development in two caecilian species. The work on his diploma thesis was performed at the Institut für Systematische Zoology of the Museum für Naturkunde of the Humboldt-University. He subsequently received a PhD stipend from the Department of Zoology, The Natural History Museum, London, UK, and work on his PhD commenced on 01. January 2003 under the supervision of Drs. Mark Wilkinson and David Gower. Shortly afterwards he was admitted to the PhD program at Leiden University, The Netherlands as an external PhD student under the supervision of Dr. Michael Richardson.

Professional experience

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| 1998-2000 | Teaching Assistant for undergraduate course "Cytology" and Research Assistant in the Laboratory for Electron Microscopy and Histology, Department of Molecular Parasitology, Humboldt-University at Berlin |
| 2000-2001 | Research Assistant at the Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Centre of Cultural Technology, Humboldt-University at Berlin, concerned with preparing part of the Zoological Teaching Collection of the Institute of Biology for presentation in the "Theatrum naturae et artis" exhibition |
| 2001-2002 | Research Assistant at the Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Centre of Cultural Technology, concerned with assessing various collections of the Humboldt-University in an integrated database for multidisciplinary use |
| 02/2007- | Palaeontological Institute and Museum, Zurich University |

Teaching

- 1998-2000 undergraduate course "Cytology", Humboldt-University at Berlin, Germany
- 2001 undergraduate course "Animal Morphology and Systematics", Humboldt-University at Berlin, Germany
- 2003 lecture "Evolutionary Developmental Biology of Amphibians", Leiden University, The Netherlands

Awards and Grants

- 2003 Katharina-Heinroth Award of the Gesellschaft Naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin (gegr.1773) [Berlin Society of Researching Friends, founded 1773] for outstanding Diploma [MSc] Thesis
- 2003-2006 PhD studentship for the duration of three and a half years by the Department of Zoology, The Natural History Museum London
- 2004 NSF travel grant to attend the Amphibia Tree Workshop in Austin, Texas, 3.-4. December 2004
- 2005 Systematics Association student bursary to attend the Systematics Association Biennial Conference in Cardiff, Wales, 22.-26. August 2005
- 2006 European Union SYNTHESYS collection study grant to visit the collection of the Natural History Museum Berlin for 3 weeks
- 2006 Named collaborator on DAPTF grant "The endemic amphibians of the Nguru Mountains, Tanzania: an integrated study of an Eastern Arc Mountain hotspot" to Dr. Simon Loader to survey the amphibian fauna of the Nguru Mountains, Tanzania
- 2006 NSF travel grant to attend the Amphibia Tree Workshop in Lawrence, Kansas, 4.-5. November 2006
- 2006 Percy Sladen Memorial Fund travel grant for fieldwork in Thailand
- 2007 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Volkswagen Stiftung

Fieldwork

Argentina (2005); Autonomous Republic Adygea, Russian Federation (1999); Kenya (2003, 2004); Malaysia (2000); Tanzania (2003); Thailand (2004); Germany.