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Short CV

"Research, collections and exhibitions" characterise my professional life. Research on the phylogeny, distribution and morphology of dwarf spiders of temperate regions and their African and oceanic relatives was my focus at the Natural History Museums in Bern and Copenhagen.

After a detour into governmental nature conservation, I headed the Liechtenstein Natural History Collection and the Nature Museum department in Aarau and conceptualised temporary exhibitions for them, reorganised their natural science collections and initiated their digitisation.

I developed an exhibition concept for the new building of the Musée d'histoire naturelle Fribourg, and at the Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences, I built up a national network for collection digitisation in line with international efforts.

At the Natural History Museum in Basel, I research on the systematics of dwarf spiders, curate and push the digitisation of our collections, participate in exhibition development and as museum board member help to shape the visions for our current and the new museum, opening in 7 years.

Council activity

In 2011, I was elected to the ESA-council. As such I made a new homepage and feed it since with content and updated data until now.

Also, I try to bring the museum perspective into the ESA-council.