

## Christian KROPF: CV and application for ESA council member as treasurer

**Date and place of birth:** 19. 04. 1962 at Graz, Austria; as the first of three children.

**1972 – 1980:** Gymnasium at Gleisdorf, Austria; graduate 1980.

**1980/81:** Military service.

**1986:** Diploma degree in zoology at University of Graz, Austria.

**1987 – 1988:** Work in gastronomy.

**1987 – 1991:** Doctoral thesis (ScD) in zoology (without funding) at Graz University; academic studies in philosophy.

**1987 – 1995:** Work in conservation projects and in adult education.

**1989:** Research stay at the University of Hamburg (Germany; studies on spiders).

**1990:** Research stay at the Zoological Museum of Turku (Finland; studies on spiders).

**1992:** ScD (Dr. rer. nat.) at Graz University.

**1992 – 1995:** Lecturer and research assistant at the Zoological Institute, Graz University.

**1994:** Research stay (studies on Indian giant honeybees) at the School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal-Nehru-University, New Delhi, India.

**Since 1995:** Head of Department of Invertebrates at the Natural History Museum Bern, Switzerland (NMBE).

**Since 1996:** Lecturer at the Institute of Ecology and Evolution (formerly Zoological Institute), University of Bern.

**1996 – 2006:** Secretary of the *European Association for Zoological Nomenclature*.

**1996 – 2014:** Member of the *International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature* (London).

**2000:** Visiting professor at the University of Graz.

**Since 2000:** Council member of the *European Society of Arachnology* (at present as treasurer) and co-editor of *araneae – spiders of Europe* (<https://araneae.nmbe.ch/>).

**2001 – 2006:** Editor of *Mitteilungen der Schweizerischen Entomologischen Gesellschaft*.

**Since 2003:** Managing editor of *Contributions to Natural History* (scientific journal of the NMBE).

**2004 and 2006:** Award “*Teacher of the Year*” of the Department Biology, Bern University.

**Since 2005:** Scientific council member of *GBIF Switzerland* (Global Biodiversity Information Facility).

**2006 – 2008:** Subject editor (for haplogyne spiders) of *Zootaxa*.

**2007-2014:** Invited participation in the Project *PBI* (Planetary Biodiversity Inventory) of *goblin spiders* (Oonopidae), with Dr. Norman Platnick (principal investigator, AMNH), and more than 50 collaborators worldwide.

**Since 2010:** Swiss correspondent of the *International Society of Arachnology*.

**2011:** Habilitation at Bern University.

**2014:** Appointment *Associate Professor* at Bern University.

**Since 2014:** Co-editor of *The World Spider Catalog* ([www.wsc.nmbe.ch](http://www.wsc.nmbe.ch)).

**2019:** *Bonnet Award* of the International Society of Arachnology (together with Prof. Wolfgang Nentwig).

**Research focus:** Functional morphology, taxonomy, systematics, phylogeny, diversity, and evolution of arthropods, especially Araneae.

**Motivation for application for ESA council member as treasurer:** Switzerland has an elaborate banking system, I am supported by the bookkeeper of the NMBE, and I like the work as treasurer for our society.

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