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EDUCATION:

1984	B.Sc. – Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Wroclaw University
1985	M.Sc – Department of. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Wroclaw University
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2000 – now	Director, Flow Cytometry Core, MCG.
1996 – now	Member, Faculty Search Committees (multiple)
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AWARDS/HONORS

The Roche Organ Transplantation Research Foundation (ROTRF) Recognition Prize – Philadelphia 2011 (*awarded to investigators whose ROTRF-funded projects had a major impact on the field of transplantation and whose achievements best exemplify the mission of the ROTRF*).

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REFEREE:

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS (last five years):

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