

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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1947-1952      Elementary School at Berchtesgaden, Germany  
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## **VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS**

University of California, Berkeley (1977,1978,1982,1995)  
IMPA, Rio de Janeiro (1974,1978, 1982,1983,1985,1987)  
University of São Paulo (1975)  
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University of Paris VII (1985)  
University of Tel Aviv (1987)  
University Complutense, Madrid (1990)  
University of Heidelberg (1991)  
Monash University, Melbourne (1991)  
Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem (1992)  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge (1996)  
University of Pisa (1996, 2004)  
Mathematical Science Research Institute, Berkeley (1998,1999)  
University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2000,2003)

## **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

1983-1993 Annals of Pure and Applied Logic  
1983-1998 Manuscripta Mathematica  
1991- Communications in Algebra

## **DOCTORAL THESIS ADVISOR**

**Wilfried Meißner:** Untersuchungen unendlichdimensionaler quadratischer Räume in Hinblick auf modelltheoretische Übertragungsprinzipien (1979)

**Bernhard Heinemann:** Über mehrfach bewertete “Henselsche” Körper (1982)

**Margarita Bradley-Delso:** Aspectos cuantitativos y cualitativos finitistas en sumas de potencias  $2^m$ -ésimas de polinomios (1987)

**Camilla Grob:** Die Entscheidbarkeit der Theorie der maximalen pseudo  $p$ -adisch abgeschlossenen Körper (1988)

**Joachim Schmid:** Existentiell abgeschlossene Integritätsbereiche mit reellen Radikalrelationen (1991)

**Cydara Ripoll:** Representações de funções racionais sobre corpos  $p$ -ádicos (1991)

**Jochen Koenigsmann:** Half ordered fields (1993)

**Maria Pia Solèr:** Charakterisierung von Hilberträumen als spezielle orthomodulare Räume (1993)

**Mihai Prunescu:** A structural approach to Diophantine definability (1998)

**Thomas Jacobi:** Über die Darstellung positiver Polynome auf semi-algebraischen Kompakta (1999)

**Markus Schweighofer:** Iterated rings of bounded elements and generalizations of Schmüdgen's Theorem (2002)

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Math. Ann. 177 (1968), 181-209
2. Die Fixpunkte der symmetrischen Hilbertschen Modulgruppe zu einem reell-quadratischen Zahlkörper mit Primzahldiskriminante.  
Math. Ann. 200 (1973), 123-139
3. On a Class of Pasch-free Euclidean Planes (with H.N. Gupta).  
Bull. Acad. Polon. 20 (1972), 17-23
4. Triangle and Schwarz Inequality in Pasch-free Euclidean Geometry (with H.N. Gupta). Bull. Acad. Polon. 20 (1972), 999-1003
5. Euklidische Geometrie ohne das Axiom von Pasch.  
Abh. Math. Sem. Hamburg 41 (1974), 224-251
6. Quadratische Semi-Ordnungen und quadratische Formen.  
Math. Z. 133 (1973), 319-342
7. Erblich euklidische Körper (with M. Ziegler).  
J. reine angew. Math. 274/275 (1975), 196-205
8. On some Hasse Principles of Formally Real Fields (with R. Elman and T.Y. Lam). Math. Z. 134 (1973), 291-301
9. Non-Axiomatizability of Real General-Affine Geometry (with L.W. Szczzerba). Fund. Math. 104 (1979), 193-202
10. An Introduction to Ultra Products. Atas da 3. Escola de Algebra 1974, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro, 111-134
11. A Local Global Principle for Quadratic Forms. Math. Z. 142 (1975), 91-95
12. Lectures on Formally Real fields. Monografias de Mathematica 22, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro 1975, 187 p. (2.ed.: Lecture Notes in Mathematics 1093, Springer)
13. Local-Global Principles for Quadratic Forms over Function Fields. Conference on Quadratic Forms - 1976. Queen's Paper in Pure and Applied Math. 46 (1977), 595-612

14. Model Theoretic Methods in the Theory of Topological Fields (with M. Ziegler). *J. reine angew. Math.* 299/300 (1978), 318-341
15. Non-Axiomatizable Classes of V-Topological Fields (with M Ziegler). *J. reine angew. Math.* 316 (1980), 211-214
16. Entscheidbarkeit mathematischer Theorien. *Jahresber. DMV* 81 (1979), 177-188
17. Remarks on the Pythagoras and Hasse Number of Real Fields. *J. reine angew. Math.* 303/304 (1978), 284-294
18. Almost Isotropic Quadratic Forms (with R. Ware). *J. London Math. Soc.* (2)19 (1979), 241-244
19. Sums of Squares over Fields. *Atas da 5. Escola de Algebra, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro 1978*, 33-44
20. Artin's Conjecture on p-adic Number Fields. *Atas da 5. Escola de Algebra, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro, 1978*, 79-109
21. Zur Axiomatisierung gewisser affiner Geometrien. *L'Enseignement Mathematique II*, 27 (1981), 125-136
22. Pseudo Real Closed Fields. In: *Set Theory and Model Theory*, eds. R.B. Jensen and A. Prestel. *Lecture Notes in Math.*, Springer Nr. 872, 127-156
23. Decidable Theories of Preordered Fields. *Math. Ann.* 258 (1982), 481-492
24. Reduced Stability of the Witt Ring of a Field and its Pythagorean Closure (with R. Elman). *Amer. J. of Math.* 106 (1984), 1237-1260
25. Bewertungsfortsetzungen und nicht-injektive Kollineationen (with R. Fritsch). *Geometriae Dedicata* 13 (1982), 107-111
26. Non-Standard Analysis. Chapter 11 in "Zahlen", *Grundwissen Mathematik*, Springer, 1983
27. p-Adically Closed Fields. *Atas da 7. Escola de Algebra, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro 1983*, 1-11

28. Lectures on Formally  $p$ -Adic Fields (with P. Roquette). *Monografias de Matematica* 38, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro 1983, 169 p. (also published as 'Lecture Notes in Mathematics' 1050, Springer)
29. Fields Regularly Closed with Respect to Finitely Many Valuations and Orderings (with B. Heinemann). *Canad.Math.Soc.Conf.Proc.*4(1984), 297-336
30. On the Axiomatization of PRC-Fields. Proc. of the VI Latin American Symposium on Mathematical Logic, Caracas 1983. *Lecture Notes in Math.*, 1130, Springer
31. Model Theory of Fields: An Application to Positive Semidefinite Polynomials. Proc. of the 'Table Ronde de Logique', Paris 1983, *Mem.Soc.Math.France* 16 (1984), 53-65
32. On Places of Algebraic Function Fields (with F.-V. Kuhlmann). *J. reine angew. Math.* 353 (1984), 181-195
33. On the Size of Zeros of Quadratic Forms over Rational Function Fields. *J. reine angew. Math.* 378 (1987), 101-112
34. On Trace Forms of Algebraic Function Fields. *Rocky Mountain J. of Math.* 19 (1989), 897-911
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36. Sums of  $2m$ -th Powers of Rational Functions. *Atas do 15 coloquio brasileiro de mathematica* 1985. IMPA, Rio de Janeiro 1987, 27-30
37. Representations of a Real Polynomial  $f(X)$  as a Sum of  $2m$ -th Powers of Rational Functions (with M. Bradley). In: Martinez, Jorge (ed.). *Ordered Algebraic Structures*. Kluwer Acad.Pub. 1989, 197-207
38. Existentially Closed Domains with Radical Relations: An Axiomatization of the Ring of Algebraic Integers (with J. Schmid). *J. reine angew. Math.*407 (1990), 178-201
39. Decidability of the Ring of Real Algebraic and  $p$ -Adic Algebraic Integers (with J. Schmid). *J. reine angew. Math.* 414 (1991), 141-148

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41. Unique Realizability of Finite Abelian 2-Groups as Galois Groups (with Ch.U.Jensen). *J. of Number Theory* 40 (1992), 12-31
42. Realization of Finitely Generated Profinite Groups by Maximal Abelian Extensions of Fields (with Ch.U.Jensen). *J. reine angew. Math* 447 (1994), 201-218
43. Integer-Valued Rational Functions on Valued Fields (with C.C.Ripoll). *manuscripta mathematica* 73 (1991), 437-452
44. On a Variation of Hilbert's 17-th Problem. *Proceedings: Algebra and Number Theory. De Gruyter* 1994
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46. On Soler's Characterization of Hilbert Spaces. *manuscripta mathematica* 86 (1995), 225-238
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- (ii) Einführung in die Mathematische Logik und Modelltheorie. Vieweg Studium, Aufbaukurs Mathematik, 1986
- (iii) Model Theory for the Real Algebraic Geometer. Universita di Pisa, 1998
- (iv) Positive Polynomials: From Hilbert's 17th Problem to Real Algebra (with Ch. Delzell). Mathematics-Monograph, Springer, 2001
- (v) Valued Fields, (with A.J. Engler) (to appear end of 2004)