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in development and evolution”**

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Wieland B. Huttner was born on 15 February 1950 in Hannover, Germany. He studied medicine at the Universities of Hamburg, Germany and Oxford, UK (1969–1975). In parallel to his studies, he carried out his doctoral thesis in physiological chemistry at the University of Hamburg (1972–1976). He then worked as post-doctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute (MPI) of Experimental Medicine in Göttingen, Germany (1976–1977) and at Yale University, New Haven, USA in the lab of the future Nobel Laureate Paul Greengard (1977–1980). Returning to Germany, he was recruited as Independent Junior Group Leader at the MPI for Psychiatry in Munich, Germany (1981–1985), and subsequently became Group Leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Cell Biology Programme, in Heidelberg, Germany (1985–1990), where he also was responsible for the EMBL PhD Programme as Dean of Graduate Studies.

He then moved to the University of Heidelberg as Professor of Neurobiology and Chair of the Institute of Neurobiology (1991–2000). In 1998, he became one of the Founding Directors of the MPI of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics (MPI-CBG) in Dresden, Germany, where he has been working since 2001. Since then, he is also the Speaker of the International Max Planck Research School for Cell, Developmental and Systems Biology (IMPRS-CellDevoSys) in Dresden, and Honorary Professor of Neurobiology at the Technische Universität Dresden. Wieland Huttner won the Karl-Winnacker-Award (1985) and was awarded the Berthold Medal of the German Society for Endocrinology (2003). He has been engaged in numerous additional academic functions, notably being appointed as Member of the German Council of Science and Humanities (2004–2010) and elected as Chair of the Scientific Council of the Max Planck Society (2009–2012).