

Biography Prof. Thomas Gasser

Thomas Gasser is a Professor of Neurology and the Director of the Department of Neurodegenerative Diseases at the Hertie-Institute for Clinical Brain Research at the University of Tübingen, Germany.

Prof. Gasser studied medicine at the University of Freiburg, Germany, and at Yale University Medical School, New Haven Connecticut. He received his professional training in psychiatry at the Max Planck-Institute of Psychiatry in Munich and in Neurology at the Department of Neurology of the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich. From 1991 to 1993 he trained as a Post-doctoral fellow with a stipend of the German Research Foundation at the Neuroscience Center, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, in Boston in the laboratory of Prof. Xandra Breakefield. He returned to Munich to become assistant professor in Neurology and head of the Neurogenetics Unit as well as the Movement Disorders Outpatient Unit at the Department of Neurology of Munich University. In 2002, he became head of the Department of Neurodegenerative Diseases of the Hertie-Institute of Clinical Brain Research at the University of Tübingen.

His main areas of research are the genetic and molecular basis of Parkinson's disease, dystonia and other movement disorders, as well as their diagnosis and treatment.