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Roland Psenner was born in Bozen-Bolzano, Italy, in 1950. After his PhD in microbiology, limnology and biochemistry at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, he worked at the University of Innsbruck for international programmes focussed on environmental problems of lakes, as public officer for settlement planning in Italy, and with the Austrian Academy of Sciences. From 1997 to his retirement in 2018, he was a full professor of Limnology at the University of Innsbruck.

He is an expert in eutrophication and phosphorus cycling, biogeochemistry of acidification, global change effects on lakes, aquatic microbial food webs, and ice ecosystems. He worked on different aspects of UV radiation effects on aquatic microorganisms, with image analysis and flow cytometry methods and as paleo-ecologist with a focus on alpine ecosystems.

He participated in several Framework Programs of the EU and has published >300 papers, half of them in peer-reviewed journals. According to Google Scholar (<https://harzing.com>), his articles have been cited about 14,000 times (h=67). He belongs to the top two percent scientists worldwide (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3000918>), has written more than 30 book chapters and edited a book series on mountain issues with 15 volumes up to now.

In the late 1980s, he worked with the Academia Sinica on environmental problems of Taihu, China's largest lake. As president of the International Scientific Committee of Alpine Research (ISCAR, Berne, CH) in 2000-2002 and as speaker of the Research Focus "Alpine Space – Man & Environment" of the University of Innsbruck he has become interested also in social and cultural problems of mountain regions. Roland Psenner worked for European and U.S. research foundations and was also member of the scientific council of the Fondazione Edmund Mach (FEM) in Italy and the Leibniz-Institut für Gewässerökologie und Binnenfischerei (IGB) in Berlin, Germany. From 2013 to 2021 he was the president of the national committee "Global Change" of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

From 2008 to 2012 he served as Dean of the Faculty of Biology, from 2012 to 2016 he was Vice Rector of the University of Innsbruck and since July 2015 he is the president of Eurac Research in Bolzano /Bozen (Italy). Until 2022, he served as Chairman of the national committee on climate change of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. From 2018 to 2023 he served as vice president of the university council of BOKU, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria. Since 2022, he is a member of the council of the University of Applied Sciences in Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Germany.

In 2016, he was awarded the Austrian Decoration for Science and Art (*Österreichisches Ehrenzeichen für Wissenschaft und Kunst erster Klasse*). He is married to Barbara Golderer and has two sons.

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Professional employment

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- 2018 - 2023 Vice President of the University Council of BOKU, Austria
- 1997 - 2018 Full Professor of Limnology, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 1991 - 1997 Associate Professor, University of Innsbruck
- 1988 - 1990 Research Scientist, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Inst. of Limnology in Mondsee, Austria
- 1987 Settlement Planner, Biological Laboratory of the Province of South Tyrol, Italy
- 1977 - 1986 Postdoc, Austrian Academy of Sciences & University of Innsbruck, Austria

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Roland Psenner è nato a Bolzano nel 1950. Dopo il dottorato di ricerca in microbiologia, limnologia e biochimica presso l'Università di Innsbruck, in Austria, ha lavorato presso l'Università di Innsbruck per programmi internazionali incentrati sui problemi ambientali dei laghi, come funzionario pubblico per la pianificazione degli insediamenti in Italia e presso l'Accademia austriaca delle scienze. Dal 1997 fino al suo pensionamento nel 2018, è stato professore ordinario di Limnologia presso l'Università di Innsbruck.

È esperto di eutrofizzazione e cicli del fosforo, biogeochimica dell'acidificazione, effetti del cambiamento globale sui laghi, reti alimentari microbiche acquatiche ed ecosistemi glaciali. Ha lavorato su diversi aspetti degli effetti delle radiazioni UV sui microrganismi acquatici, con metodi di analisi delle immagini e di citometria di flusso e come paleo-ecologo con particolare attenzione agli ecosistemi alpini.

Ha partecipato a diversi programmi quadro dell'UE e ha pubblicato oltre 300 articoli, la metà dei quali su riviste con revisione paritaria. Secondo Google Scholar (<https://harzing.com>), i suoi articoli sono stati citati circa 14.000 volte (h=67). Appartiene al primo due per cento degli scienziati a livello mondiale (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3000918>), ha scritto più di 30 capitoli di libri e ha curato una collana di libri sulle questioni di montagna con 15 volumi fino ad oggi.

Alla fine degli anni '80 ha lavorato con l'Accademia Sinica sui problemi ambientali del Taihu, il più grande lago cinese. In qualità di presidente del Comitato scientifico internazionale per la ricerca alpina (ISCAR, Berna, CH) nel 2000-2002 e di relatore del Research Focus "Alpine Space - Man & Environment" dell'Università di Innsbruck, si è interessato anche ai problemi sociali e culturali delle regioni montane. Roland Psenner ha lavorato per fondazioni di ricerca europee e statunitensi ed è stato anche membro del consiglio scientifico della Fondazione Edmund Mach (FEM) in Italia e del Leibniz-Institut für Gewässerökologie und Binnenfischerei (IGB) a Berlino, Germania. Dal 2013 al 2021 è stato presidente del comitato nazionale "Global Change" dell'Accademia austriaca delle scienze.

Dal 2008 al 2012 è stato preside della Facoltà di Biologia, dal 2012 al 2016 è stato vice rettore dell'Università di Innsbruck e da luglio 2015 è presidente dell'Eurac Research di Bolzano/Bozen (Italia). Fino al 2022 è stato presidente del comitato nazionale sui cambiamenti climatici dell'Accademia austriaca delle scienze. Dal 2018 al 2023 è stato vicepresidente del consiglio universitario della BOKU, l'Università di risorse naturali e scienze della vita di Vienna, Austria. Dal 2022 è membro del consiglio dell'Università di Scienze Applicate di Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Germania.

Nel 2016 ha ricevuto la decorazione austriaca per la scienza e l'arte (Österreichisches Ehrenzeichen für Wissenschaft und Kunst erster Klasse). È sposato con Barbara Golderer e ha due figli.

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Impieghi professionali

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- 1991 - 1997 Professore associato, Università di Innsbruck
- 1988 - 1990 Ricercatore scientifico, Accademia Austriaca delle Scienze, Istituto di Limnologia, Mondsee, Austria
- 1987 Pianificatore di insediamento, Laboratorio Biologico della Provincia dell'Alto Adige, Italia
- 1977 - 1986 Postdoc, Accademia austriaca delle scienze e Università di Innsbruck, Austria

Lebenslauf Roland Psenner

Roland Psenner wurde 1950 in Bozen, Italien, geboren. Nach seiner Promotion in Mikrobiologie, Limnologie und Biochemie an der Universität Innsbruck, Österreich, arbeitete er an der Universität Innsbruck für internationale Programme zu Umweltproblemen von Seen, als Beamter für Siedlungsplanung in Italien und bei der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Von 1997 bis zu seiner Emeritierung im Jahr 2018 war er ordentlicher Professor für Limnologie an der Universität Innsbruck.

Er ist Experte für Eutrophierung und Phosphatkreisläufe, Biogeochemie der Versauerung, Auswirkungen des globalen Wandels auf Seen, aquatische mikrobielle Nahrungsnetze und Eisökosysteme. Er arbeitete an verschiedenen Aspekten der Auswirkungen von UV-Strahlung auf aquatische Mikroorganismen, mit Bildanalyse- und Durchfluszytometrie-Methoden und als Paläoökologe mit Schwerpunkt auf alpinen Ökosystemen.

Er war an mehreren Rahmenprogrammen der EU beteiligt und hat >300 Arbeiten veröffentlicht, die Hälfte davon in Fachzeitschriften mit Peer-Review. Laut Google Scholar (<https://harzing.com>) wurden seine Artikel etwa 14.000 Mal zitiert (h=67). Er gehört zu den besten zwei Prozent der Wissenschaftler weltweit (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3000918>), hat mehr als 30 Buchkapitel verfasst und eine Buchreihe über Gebirgsfragen mit bisher 15 Bänden herausgegeben.

In den späten 1980er Jahren arbeitete er mit der Academia Sinica an Umweltproblemen des Taihu, Chinas größtem See. Als Präsident des Internationalen Wissenschaftlichen Komitees für Alpenforschung (ISCAR, Bern, CH) in den Jahren 2000-2002 und als Sprecher des Forschungsschwerpunktes "Alpenraum - Mensch & Umwelt" der Universität Innsbruck hat er sich auch für soziale und kulturelle Probleme der Bergregionen interessiert. Roland Psenner arbeitete für europäische und US-amerikanische Forschungsstiftungen und war auch Mitglied des wissenschaftlichen Beirats der Fondazione Edmund Mach (FEM) in Italien des Leibniz-Instituts für Gewässerökologie und Binnenfischerei (IGB) in Berlin. Von 2013 bis 2021 war er Präsident des Nationalkomitees "Globaler Wandel" der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften.

Von 2008 bis 2012 war er Dekan der Fakultät für Biologie, von 2012 bis 2016 war er Vizerektor der Universität Innsbruck und seit Juli 2015 ist er Präsident von Eurac Research in Bozen (Italien). Bis 2022 war er Vorsitzender des nationalen Komitees für Klimawandel der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Von 2018 bis 2023 war er Vizepräsident des Universitätsrats der BOKU, der Universität für Bodenkultur, Wien, Österreich. Seit 2022 ist er Mitglied des Hochschulrats der Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften in Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Deutschland.

Im Jahr 2016 wurde er mit dem Österreichischen Ehrenzeichen für Wissenschaft und Kunst erster Klasse ausgezeichnet. Er ist verheiratet mit Barbara Golderer und hat zwei Söhne.

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- 1991 - 1997 Außerordentlicher Professor, Universität Innsbruck
- 1988 - 1990 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Institut für Limnologie in Mondsee, Österreich
- 1987 Siedlungsplaner, Biologisches Labor der Provinz Südtirol, Italien
- 1977 - 1986 Postdoc, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften & Universität Innsbruck, Österreich

Some representative peer-reviewed publications

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