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b. 5-6-47 St.Andrews, Scotland

1956-59 St. John's Grammar School, Hamilton, Scotland

1959-66 William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester

(9 GCE 'O'Levels, 4 'A'Levels, 2 'S' Levels)

1966 Awarded Kitchener Scholarship to study at St. Andrews University

1966-68 Studied Modern Languages (French & German) at St. Andrews

1969-71 Awarded M.A. (Honours) Degree

1968-69 Studied at Sorbonne, Paris. Assistant d'anglais in a Paris lycee

1971-74 Junior Executive with Canvas Holidays Ltd.

(travel firm based in Welwyn Garden City, UK)

1974-75 P.G.C.E. (Post-Graduate Certificate in Education), Cambridge University

(awarded distinction in materials production)

1975-83 *Austauschlehrer* for English at Bundesrealgymnasium, Landeck, Tirol

(responsible for 4 *Probelehrer*)

1976-92 English Teacher, Volkshochschule, Landeck (awarded Silver Pin)

1977-present Senior Lecturer in Language Proficiency, *Fachdidaktik* and British Cultural Studies at the Department of English Studies, Innsbruck University

1980-present Senior Lecturer in British Cultural Studies, Department of Translation Science, Innsbruck University

1986-99 Trainer, Language Centre, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Innsbruck University (Business Studies)

1980-present Teacher & Trainer at the Teacher Training College, Zams (later Stams), Tirol, now Paedagogische Hochschule

1997-98 Trainer at the MCI Fachhochschule Innsbruck (Business Management Studies)

Retired 2013-09-30

Courses held: In-Service Teacher Training and Education (1979-present)

(for the British Council, Vienna, the Austrian Ministry of Education, and Pedagogical Institutes across Austria. Topics covered: skills development, vocabulary acquisition and learning, using video communicatively, project work, learner autonomy, testing and assessment, error analysis, classroom management, etc.)

- 14 one-week teacher training seminars in Raach (Lower Austria) for the Ministry, through the

British Council

- Some 95 full-day teacher training seminars
- Some 72 half-day teacher training workshops
- 5 two-week summer schools for British Council, 3 one-week summer schools for TEA (Association of Teachers of English in Austria), 2 summer schools for Pilgrims, Canterbury (1988 & 89)
- 2 seminars for MCI (Tourism), Innsbruck

Publications

- co-author of *Meanings into Words*: Coursebooks 1-4, Project Resource Books 1-4, Teacher's Books 1-4, Audio-cassettes 1-4 (OEBV, Vienna, 1989-93)
- co-author of *Meanings in Use*: Coursebooks 1-4, Project Resource Books 1-4, Teacher's Books 1-4, CDs 1-4 (oebv & hpt, Vienna, 1999-2003)
- co-author of *I Don't Like the Poems* (The British Bookshop, Vienna, 1997)
- over 30 articles published on aspects of English Language Teaching (for *ELT News*, Austria, largely)
- 5 joint articles published on IMoF (Innsbruck Model of Fachdidaktik)

Miscellaneous

- some 23 talks/ workshops on ELT (English Language Teaching) presented at international conferences (IATEFL in the UK and abroad, and at national conferences of countries in Central Europe)
- Keynote speaker at the Symposium *The English Experience*, Graz, March 2004 (available as video); at University of Bolzano in Brixen Graduation of Primary School Teachers (Aug 2007); at Linz Connexions Conference (Sept 2007)
- Founder-member of TEA (Association of Teachers of English in Austria) in 1992, and elected Committee Member 1992-98
- Co-editor of *ELT News* 1992-98 (edited jointly by the British Council, Vienna and TEA)
- Co-organizer of the 4th International NELLE Conference (Networking English Language Learning in Europe), Sept 22-25 1994, held at Innsbruck University, with over 420 participants
- Erasmus/ Socrates Staff Mobility Program (Versailles, 2001 & 2002; Bangor, N. Wales, 2003 & 2004), Verona (2006 and 2007)
- Some 16 evening lectures for the Austro-British Society Tirol and the Volkshochschule Innsbruck

Personal Interests

Reading widely, 20th c British music, European art, running classic cars, cycling