



Dr. Fabienne Hübener  
science journalist

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## Curriculum Vitae – Dr. Fabienne Hübener

Fabienne Hübener holds a PhD in Neurobiology and earned a degree in journalism and public relation. She worked as science editor for Springer Science and was the press speaker of the university hospital of the TU Munich.

She worked as a scientist and lecturer in psychology at the University of Munich, Germany, and as a guest researcher at the Institute of Neuroscience in Tsukuba, Japan. She has been a freelance science journalist and PR specialist since 2006. In 2005 she was awarded the prestigious “special-interest journalist of the year” prize by the Karl Theodor Vogel Foundation. In 2012 she received the journalism prize of the German association of reconstructive surgeons. In 2014 she was selected by newsroom.de to be among “The 500” female journalists and PR specialists in the German speaking countries.

Fabienne Hübener writes for one of Germany's most widely-read medical magazines, Apotheken Umschau, the renowned Neue Zürcher Zeitung, the Lancet, and such important journals and online-magazines as the Berliner Zeitung, Stern-online, Focus-online, and Spiegel-online. She supports the press work of foundations and research institutes, and is the press speaker of the European Sensory Network. Her special expertise lies in neuroscience, public health, and psychology.

### **Work experience**

#### **since 2006**

Freelance science journalist and public relations specialist, working for, among others: Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Lancet, Apotheken Umschau, Helmholtz Zentrum Munich, foundation AtemWeg

**2004-2006**

Press-speaker for the hospital of the Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany, responsible for press releases, press conferences, re-launch of the website, annual reports, public events

**2002-2004**

Editor at Springer Science

**2001-2002**

Scientist at the Generation Research Program, Bad Tölz (Germany); project: the sense of smell in the elderly

**2000-2001**

Scientist working in Tsukuba, Science City, Japan; project: comparison of the sense of smell in Japanese and Germans (fellowship from the Canon Foundation Europe)

**1995-2000**

Scientist and lecturer at the Institute of Medical Psychology of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, Germany; project: the sense of smell in non-human primates and humans; lecturing: medical psychology

**Education****2002**

Advanced education at the journalism school „Journalistenakademie Dr. Hooffacker“, Munich (Germany), focus: online journalism, social media

**2000**

PhD in Neurobiology; title of the doctoral thesis: Olfactory learning in pigtail macaques (*Macaca nemestrina*)

**1990-1995**

Studied biology at the Eberhard Karls-University in Tübingen and the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich (diploma in neurobiology, psychology and anthropology)

**Prizes & Awards**

## **2014**

Inclusion in “the 500”, the top-500 female experts in journalism, editing, public relations & media in the German speaking countries, an initiative of newsroom.de under the auspices of Franziska Augstein

## **2012**

Journalism prize from the National Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons for the article “My Former Face” (published in the Apotheken Umschau)

## **2005**

Awarded “Special interest journalist of the year” 2005 by the Karl Theodor Vogel foundation for the article “Children Die Different” (published in Hautnah Pädiatrie)

## **2000**

Fellowship from the Canon Foundation Europe to conduct research in Japan

## **Skills**

Computer: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop, InDesign, html, Content Management Systems (typo3, webEdition, wordpress), Adobe Premiere, Audacity

Media: Podcasting – Audio & Video

Languages: German (native language), fluent in English

## **Selected writings & talks**

Interview with Edvard Moser, winner of the Nobel Prize 2014 (print & audio)

Neue Zürcher Zeitung

<http://www.nzz.ch/wissenschaft/es-ist-wichtig-anders-als-andere-zu-denken-1.18413120>

## **Brauchen wir das Konnektom?**

Auf der Suche nach dem Schaltplan unseres Gehirns

Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Sept. 2013:

<http://www.nzz.ch/wissen/wissenschaft/auf-der-suche-nach-dem-schaltplan-unseres-gehirns-1.18151880>

## **Financial reforms could worsen German psychiatric care**

The Lancet, Volume 381, Issue 9865, Page 440, 9 February 2013:

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2813%2960232-9/fulltext>



**Evaluation of cross-cultural differences in odor perception in Japanese and Germans.** Invited Talk at the 4th Pangborn Science Symposium, 22.-26.7.2001, in Dijon, France

**A comparison of Umami perception in Japanese and Europeans.** Saito, S.; Hübener, F.; Goto, N.; Kobayakawa, T. (2000) Poster presentation on the 24th congress of the Japanese Association for the Study of Taste and Smell in Nara, Japan.4.-6.10.2000