

Jean-Paul Schwitzguébel Bio sketch

Dr Jean-Paul Schwitzguébel is a plant and microbial biochemist. After his studies at the University of Geneva, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London (UK), and at the University of Neuchatel, focusing on the metabolism and bioenergetics of higher plants and microorganisms. He moved then to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Lausanne (EPFL) as a permanent senior scientist in the Laboratory for Environmental Biotechnology. Most of his work is now devoted to research and development in the fields of phytoremediation and bioenergy. He is also the initiator and coordinator of the European COST Actions 837, from 1998 to 2003, (<http://lbewww.epfl.ch/COST837>) and 859, from 2004 to 2009, (<http://www.gre.ac.uk/cost859/>) on phytotechnologies to promote sustainable land use and improve food safety.