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Biography

Prof. Dr. Konrad Förstner studied biochemistry and computer science in Greifswald, Germany, before completing a PhD in bioinformatics at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg, Germany. He then worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Würzburg, Germany, and later led the Core Unit Systems Medicine at both the University and the University Clinic of Würzburg. Since May 2018, he has been a joint professor for Data and Information Literacy at the TH Köln (University of Applied Sciences) and ZB MED - Information Centre of Life Sciences - in Cologne, where he leads the Data Science and Services unit. His research focuses on integrating large data corpora in the life sciences to address diverse biological questions, including systems biological analysis of high-throughput data, automatic text analysis of biomedical literature, and the development of research software for these purposes. Among his various activities, he serves as the spokesperson for the NFDI4Microbiota consortium, which is part of the NFDI (National Research Data Infrastructure) in Germany.

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