

GUIDE INFORMATION/CONSENT FORM FOR INTERVIEWS

Title of Research Project: Microbial rhodopsin research in translation: Discovery, laboratory models and innovative applications

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Details of Project

The project explores the history of research on microbial rhodopsins and their host *Halobacterium*. Whereas the latter was first described in the context of applied microbiology in the late 19th century, bacteriorhodopsin research started around 1970. My work focuses on the question of how microbial rhodopsins became objects of laboratory science and how they were shaped in between science and technology.

The work is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science. In order to document the history of research on microbial rhodopsins, recorded interviews are being conducted with relevant scientists. The interviews will inform publications intended for academic audiences.

Participation in the interview is wholly voluntary and you have the ability to cease involvement whenever and for whatever reason you wish.

Identification

These interviews will be conducted on the record unless otherwise requested. As part of publications your name and organisational affiliation will be given. If you wish to be anonymous, please specify how you would like to be identified below:

Data Protection

Your data will be held anonymously and indefinitely for research purposes, in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act. Interview tapes and transcripts will be held in confidence and they will be kept under lock and key in a cabinet at the University of Exeter. They will not be used other than for the purposes described above and third parties will not be allowed access to them (except as may be required by the law).

Consent

I voluntarily agree to participate and to the use of my data for the purposes specified above.

TICK HERE:

DATE.....

Note: When necessary, your contact details are kept separately from your interview data

Name of interviewee:.....

Signature:

Email/phone:.....

Member of which group:.....

Signature of researcher.....

Contact Details

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