

## Claus Heizmann

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Professor Claus Heizmann is emeritus from University of Zürich. He studied chemistry at University of Basel and received his PhD from University of Konstanz. He spent an exciting two years as a postdoctoral fellow in the lab of nobel laureate Ed Fischer at the University of Washington in Seattle. He then moved for several years to the Institute of Cell Biology at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology before becoming Head of the Division of Clinical Chemistry and Biochemistry at the Department of Pediatrics, University of Zürich.

Claus scientific achievements are focused on both parvalbumin and S100s proteins in which he succeed with an European consortium to discover the genes clustering of this 21 members family.

Professor Heizmann, in addition to being a highly successful and productive scientist, is one of main driving forces behind ECS. He served as ECS president from 2000 to 2004 and is guest editor for the BBA special issues of ECS meetings. Although having many academic and clinical responsibilities and, of course, a highly active research laboratory to supervise, Claus Heizmann always devoted time (and still is) to ECS matters. It has always been a main concern of Claus' to attract as many young researchers as possibly and to have exciting and lively poster sessions.