

Dr. Martin G. Klotz (<http://mgkmicro.com/MGKfacts.shtml>) joined Washington State University Tri-Cities as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in July 2017 after serving as Dean of Faculty, Division of Mathematics & Natural Sciences, and Professor of Biology at Queens College, The City University of New York, in Flushing, New York. Before coming to CUNY, Klotz held academic positions at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Professor and Chair, Department of Biological Sciences), the University of Louisville (Departments of Biology and Microbiology & Immunology) and the University of Colorado-Denver (Department of Biology). A Physics undergraduate Major by training (Universität Rostock, Germany), he holds a Master's degree in biophysics and earned his doctorate in biology from the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (Germany). His graduate and postdoctoral training in biology (Germany, Hungary, Sweden, USA) ranges from membrane biology to bacterial genetics to plant-microbe interactions. Klotz is also a Professor in WSU's School of Molecular Biosciences in Pullman.

For the majority of his career, Klotz directed his "Evolutionary and Genomic Microbiology Laboratory" to study the molecular underpinnings of ammonia- and methane-oxidizing bacteria with an interest in metabolic reconstruction of key catabolic pathways, the evolutionary history of involved inventory and how this inventory is being regulated. His research has been funded by federal and state grants agencies in excess of \$4 M, which contributed to the editing of 3 books on nitrogen cycle research and the co/authoring of more than 100 peer-reviewed articles. Klotz served on a variety of national and international grants panels and presented at numerous national and international meetings. As an administrator, Klotz facilitated the receipt of development and educational awards exceeding \$5M including an HSI-STEM grant award from the US Department of Education.

Klotz has served the microbiology community in many capacities including as an elected officer (Chair, Adviser and Councilor of Division R "Evolutionary and Genomic Microbiology", as a member of the General Meeting program committee and as a reviewer and editorial board member) of the *American Society for Microbiology* (ASM); he also serves on the editorial board of *Environmental Microbiology*. He has co-edited several recent books on Nitrogen Cycle research and is the co-founder of international professional organizations that coordinate collaboration in research on the global Nitrogen and Carbon cycles. Klotz is the founding Editor-in-Chief for the open-access journal *Frontiers in Microbiology* (2016: IF 4; 3rd most cited journal in the field of Microbiology).