Biography

Prof. Dr. Rainer Goebel studied psychology and computer science in Marburg, Germany (1983-1988) and completed his PhD in 1994 (Braunschweig, Germany). In 1993 he received the Heinz Maier Leibnitz Advancement award in cognitive science sponsored by the German minister of science and education for a publication on the binding problem and in 1994 he received the Heinz Billing award from the Max Planck society for developing a software package for the creation and simulation of neural network models. From 1995-1999 he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research in Frankfurt/Main where he founded the functional neuroimaging group. In 1997/1998 he was a fellow at the Berlin Institute for Advanced studies ("Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin"). Since January 2000, he is a full professor for Cognitive Neuroscience at Maastricht University. He is founding director of the Maastricht Brain Imaging Centre (M-BIC) and the driving force of the recently established ultra-high field imaging center housing 3, 7 and 9.4 Tesla human MRI scanners. He was a member of the board of govenors of the F.C. Donders Centre in Nijmegen (2001-2008) and since 2008 he is team leader of the "Modeling and Neuroimaging" group at the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience in Amsterdam. He has served as chair of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping (2006-2008). He received funding for basic and translational neuroscience research including a prestigious Advanced Investigators Grant from the European Research Council (2011-2016) and grants from the Human Brain Project. He is also founder of the company "Brain Innovation BV" that produces free and commercial software for neuroimaging data analysis and clinical applications. In 2014 he has been selected as member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.