

## **Kurt Brunner, Romer Labs**

Kurt Brunner studied Technical Chemistry at the Vienna University of Technology and specialized in the molecular biology of filamentous fungi in his diploma thesis. He performed his Ph.D. thesis also at the Vienna University of Technology, with extended visits at the Department of Agriculture of the University of Naples, Italy. He spent his postdoctoral years at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna and at the Vienna University of Technology. During this period, he focused on the development of methods to quantify plant pathogenic fungi in their natural environments including food and feed. In 2008, Dr. Brunner took over the "Molecular Diagnostics Workgroup" at the research institute IFA-Tulln and directed the development of novel assays to detect fungi, genetically modified organisms, food allergens and other toxic compounds like mycotoxins in food and feed.

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