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Michael Meijler obtained his MSc degree in Chemistry from the University of Amsterdam and his PhD degree from the Weizmann Institute of Science (with Abraham Shanzer). He then moved to The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, for postdoctoral studies with Kim Janda. After spending a year as Assistant Professor in the Janda group in 2005, he started his own group at the Department of Chemistry at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Be'er Sheva, Israel) in the fall of 2006 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2011 and Full Professor in 2015. He has served as chair of the Department of Chemistry (2018-2020) as the scientific director of the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev (2018-2022), and he currently serves as the Academic Advisor of the Jusidman Science Center for Youth. His research focuses on how chemical signaling and communication regulates life, cooperation and competition between various living species, including bacteria, and in particular the effects of bacterial signaling on human behavior and plant-bacterial interactions.