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*My scientific interests are centered on the function and the evolution of the noncoding portion of the genome (regulatory regions, noncoding RNAs, repeats), how these features shaped the genomes of living organisms, the way in which they affect transcription and their impact in the establishment of complexity, with a strong focus on health, disease and cognitive capabilities. I have extensive experience in development and usage of bioinformatics pipelines, data integration and harmonization, tools, methods and databases for large-scale functional genomics data analysis.*

**ISI Publications: 34 - Total IF: 207 - Average IF: 6.3 - H-index: 14 - Citations: 842 (Google Scholar, July 2016)**

### EDUCATION

- September 2006 – January 2007: EBI “European Bioinformatics Institute”, Hinxton, UK, - Marie Curie Fellow in the Ensembl Team
- May 2004 – June 2004: TLL “Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory”, Singapore, - Visiting Fellow in the Fugu Genome Project Team
- November 2002 – December 2006: 2nd University of Naples, Italy - Ph. D. student in “Computational Biology”
- March 2001 – November 2001: IGB “Adriano Buzzati Traverso”, Naples, Italy - post-lauream practice
- November 1996 – February 2001: University “Federico II”, Naples, Italy - Biology BSc. Degree magna cum laude

### EMPLOYMENT AND GRANTS

- **March 2010 – ongoing, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Naples, Italy – Principal Investigator (“Primo Ricercatore” permanent position)** - Principal Investigator of the bioinformatics Lab. Director of 3 PhD students and 1 postdoc. Co-coordinator of 3 Nationally funded projects (total funding 900K euros). Leader for SZN in the WP3 of the ESFRI project EMBRC: European Marine Biological Resource Centre (<http://www.embrc.eu/>). Member of the Technical Coordination Committee in the EU project BioMedBridges (<http://www.biomedbridges.eu/>).
- **April 2009 – February 2010, CBM “Cluster in BioMedicine”, Trieste, Italy – Head of Bioinformatics (permanent position)** Responsible of the bioinformatics facility and research (4 postdoc bioinformaticians and 2 technicians). Leader for CBM in the FP7 project DOPAMINET: Molecular Networks of Dopaminergic Neurons in Chordates (<http://www.dopaminet.eu>).
- **July 2008 – March 2009, CBM “Cluster in BioMedicine”, Trieste, Italy - Bioinformatics Specialist (permanent position)** - Responsible of the bioinformatics facility. Leader of a bioinformatics team involved in data analysis for services as well as for intramural research. The team obtained the UNI EN ISO 9001:2000 compliance to design and supply bioinformatics services.
- **July 2006 – June 2008, CBM “Cluster in BioMedicine”, Trieste, Italy - Bioinformatics Postdoc** - Evolution of non-coding elements. Data analysis of gene expression profiles.
- **December 2004 – June 2006, TIGEM “Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine”, Naples, Italy - Bioinformatics Scientist** - Analysis and design of bioinformatics comparative genomics pipeline.
- **December 2001 – November 2004, BioGeM “Biotechnology and Molecular Genetics in Southern Italy”, Naples, Italy - Bioinformatics Programmer** - Lead a bioinformatics team involved in the analysis of gene expression data.

### PUBLICATIONS

1. T. Mock et al., *Extensive genetic diversity and differential bi-allelic expression in a Southern Ocean diatom*. Under review on *Nature*.
2. Taddei L, Stella GR, Rogato A, Bailleul B, Fortunato AE, Annunziata R, Sanges R, Thaler M, Lepetit B, Lavaud J, Jaubert M, Finazzi G, Bouly JP, Falciatore A. *Multisignal control of expression of the LHCX protein family in the marine diatom Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. *J Exp Bot* 2016 Jun;67(13):3939-51.
3. Tarallo A, Angelini C, Sanges R, Yagi M, Agnisola C, D'Onofrio G. *On the genome base composition of teleosts: the effect of environment and lifestyle*. *BMC Genomics*. 2016 Mar 2;17:173.
4. Patil S, Moeys S, von Dassow P, Huysman MJ, Mapleson D, De Veylder L, **Sanges R**, Vyverman W, Montresor M, Ferrante MI. *Identification of the meiotic toolkit in diatoms and exploration of meiosis-specific SPO11 and RAD51 homologs in the sexual species Pseudo-nitzschia multistriata and Seminavis robusta*. *BMC Genomics* 2015 Nov 14;16(1):930.
5. Di Dato V, Musacchia F, Petrosino G, Patil S, Montresor M, **Sanges R**, Ferrante MI. *Comparison of three Pseudo-nitzschia species*

- through transcriptome sequencing reveals the existence of Nitric Oxide Synthase genes in diatoms. *Sci Rep* 2015 Jul 20;5:12329.
6. Zucchelli S, Cotella D, Takahashi H, Carrieri C, Cimatti L, Fasolo F, Jones MH, Sblattero D, **Sanges R**, Santoro C, Persichetti F, Carninci P, Gustincich S. *SINEUPs: a new class of natural and synthetic antisense long non-coding RNAs that activate translation.* *RNA Biol* 2015;12(8):771-9.
  7. Russo MT, Annunziata R, **Sanges R**, Ferrante MI, Falciatore A. *The upstream regulatory sequence of the Light Harvesting Complex Lhcf2 gene of the marine diatom Phaeodactylum tricornutum enhances transcription in an orientation- and distance-independent fashion.* *Mar Genomics* 2015 Dec;24P1:69-79.
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  9. Salvemini M, Arunkumar KP, Nagaraju J, **Sanges R**, Petrella V, Tomar A, Zhang H, Zheng W, Saccone G. *De Novo Assembly and Transcriptome Analysis of the Mediterranean Fruit fly Ceratitis capitata Early Embryos.* *PlosONE* 2014 Dec 4;9(12):e114191.
  10. Dvořák P, Casamatta DA, Poulíčková A, Hašler P, Ondřej V, **Sanges R**. *Synechococcus: 3 billion years of global dominance.* *Mol Ecol* 2014 Oct 5. doi: 10.1111/mec.12948.
  11. Dattolo E, Ruocco M, Brunet C, Lorenti M, Lauritano C, D'Esposito D, De Luca P, **Sanges R**, Mazzuca S, Procaccini G. *Response of the seagrass Posidonia oceanica to different light environments: Insights from a combined molecular and photo-physiological study.* *Mar Environ Res* 2014 Aug 1. pii: S0141-1136(14)00137-8.
  12. Racioppi C, Kamal AK, Razy-Krajka F, Gambardella G, Zanetti L, Di Bernardo D, **Sanges R**, Christiaen LA and Ristoratore F. *Fibroblast grow factors sequentially govern nervous system patterning and pigment cell specification in Ciona intestinalis.* *Nature Comm* 2014 Sep 5;5:4830.
  13. Conte I, Merella S, Garcia-Manteiga JM, Migliore C, Lazarevic D, Carrella S, Marco-Ferreres R, Avellino R, Davidson NP, Emmett W, **Sanges R**, Bockett N, Van Heel D, Meroni G, Bovolenta P, Stupka E, Banfi S. *The combination of transcriptomics and informatics identifies pathways targeted by miR-204 during neurogenesis and axon guidance.* *Nucleic Acids Res* 2014, 10.1093/nar/gku498.
  14. Roberts JA, Miguel-Escalada I, Slovik KJ, Walsh KT, Hadzhiev Y, **Sanges R**, Stupka E, Marsh EK, Balciuniene J, Balciunas D, Müller F. *Targeted transgene integration overcomes variability of position effects in zebrafish.* *Development* 2014, 141:715–724.
  15. Adelfi MG, Borra M, **Sanges R**, Montresor M, Fontana A, Ferrante MI. *Selection and validation of reference genes for qPCR analysis in the pennate diatoms Pseudo-nitzschia multistriata and P. arenysensis.* *Journal of Exp Marine Biol and Ecol* 2014, 451:74–81.
  16. Carotenuto Y, Dattolo E, Lauritano C, Pisano F, **Sanges R**, Miralto A, Procaccini G, Ianora A. *Insights into the transcriptome of the marine copepod Calanus helgolandicus feeding on the oxylipin-producing diatom Skeletonema marinoi.* *Harmful Algae* 2014, 31:153–162.
  17. **Sanges R**<sup>s</sup>, Hadzhiev Y, Roure A, Ferg M, Meola N, Amore G, Basu S, Brown ER, De Simone M, Petrera F, Licastro D, Strähle U, Banfi S, Lemaire P, Birney E, Müller F, Stupka E<sup>s</sup>. *Highly conserved elements discovered in vertebrates are present in non-syntenic loci of tunicates, act as enhancers and can be transcribed during development.* *Nucleic Acids Res* 2013;41(6):3600-3618.
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## TEACHING

- December 2002, March 2003, June 2003, December 2003 – Instructor in the “Microarray’s Techniques” course.
- June, July and October 2003 – Instructor in the “Microarray data analysis and mining II” course.
- September 2003 – Instructor in the “Bioinformatics fundamentals” course.
- March 2004 – Instructor in the “Microarray data analysis and statistical validation” course.
- October 2004, October 2005, October 2010 – Instructor in the “Perl for biologists” course.
- October 2004 – Instructor in the “First BioPerl Workshop”.
- December 2006 – Instructor in the “Data Analysis at Gene Level” course.
- March 2007 – Instructor in the “Data Analysis at Gene Level II” course.
- November 2008, December 2009 – Instructor in the “Practical data EXON 1.0 ST arrays analysis”.
- 2009/2011 - “Cultore della Materia” of the Transcriptomic course in the Functional Genomics degree at University of Trieste.
- Since 2013 – Visiting Teacher of the “Data Analysis at Gene Level and Transcriptomics” course in the PhD program on “Functional and Structural Genomics” at SISSA, Trieste.

## APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

- Member of the PhD committee of the Open University (UK) at the Affiliate Research Center Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Naples, Italy, since 2012.
- Member of the PhD committee of the PhD program in Biology at the University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy, since 2013.
- Winner of the Best Poster Award at the Bioinformatics Italian Society Meeting in 2013 and 2014.
- Winner of the Best Presentation Award and the Best Poster Award at Scientific Council SZN 2014.
- Member of the Technical Coordination Committee in the EU project BioMedBridges (<http://www.biomedbridges.eu/>).
- Member of Program Committee for the Italian Bioinformatics Society Annual Meeting since 2012.
- Reviewer for: Bioinformatics, BMC Bioinformatics, BMC Genomics, Neuroscience, Briefing in Functional Genomics, Marine Genomics, Journal of Molecular Evolution, PlosOne, Genome Biology and Evolution, Molecular Ecology.

## POSTDOC AND PHD STUDENTS

- **Post-doctoral fellows:** Francesco Musacchia (2012-present), Simeone Dal Monego (2008-2010), Paolo Sonigo (2008-2010), Warren Emmet (2008-2010).
- **PhD Students, PhD successfully completed in 3 years:** Swaraj Basu, Open University PhD student, completed on 05/2014.

Giuseppe Petrosino, University of Naples, PhD in Bioinformatics, completed on 04/2015.

- **PhD Students, Ongoing:** Veerendra Gadekar, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Open university PhD student, 2013-2015. Massimiliano Volpe, 1<sup>st</sup> year Open University PhD student, 2016-2018, Guglielmo Roma, 1<sup>st</sup> year University of Naples Biology PhD student.
- **Internal supervision:** Kumari Richa, OU PhD student, Sneha Asai, OU PhD student, .
- **Master students:** Luca Roma, University of Rome, master in Bioinformatics, 2014-2015. Massimiliano Volpe, University of Rome, master in Bioinformatics, 2015-2016.

## REFERENCES

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