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Position

Principal Investigator, Institut de Biologie Valrose, Nice (since 2008)
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Research Interests

Phenotypic plasticity and genotype-by-environment interactions
Role of developmental architecture in the evolutionary process
Evolution of reproductive life histories and germline development
Natural genetic variation in *C. elegans*
Evolution and ecology of *Caenorhabditis* nematodes

Education

2008	Postdoc, Centre d'Immunologie Luminy, Marseille
2004 – 2007	Postdoc, Institut Jacques Monod, Paris
2000 – 2003	Ph.D. (University of Cambridge & Princeton University)
1999	M.Phil. (University of Cambridge)
1995 – 1998	B.Sc. (University of Basel)

Qualifications, Awards and Fellowships

2014	Habilitation à diriger des recherches (HDR) (Université Côte d'Azur)
2012	Fellow, Berlin Institute for Advanced Study (Wissenschaftskolleg)
2010	Prize of the Schlumberger Foundation (FSER)
2009	Permanent position CNRS
2008	Start-up grant ATIP-AVENIR Jeunes Chercheurs (CNRS)
2008	Fellowship Roche Research Foundation
2006 – 2007	Fellowship Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions
2003 – 2005	Fellowship Swiss National Science Foundation
2000 – 2003	Fellowship Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds
1995 – 2003	Fellow of the Swiss Study Foundation – Fund for Young Talented People

Publications (2016 – 2021)

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Stevens L, Félix MA, Beltran T, Braendle C, Caurel C, Fausett S, Fitch D, Frézal L, Gosse C, Kaur T, Kiontke K, Newton M, Noble L, Richaud A, Rockman M, Sudhaus W & Blaxter M 2019. Comparative genomics of 10 new *Caenorhabditis* species. *Evolution Letters* 32: 217–236. <https://doi.org/10.1002/evl3.110>

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