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Education

2001- Ph.D. degree in Statistic at the University of Padova (supervisor: Prof. Alessandra Salvan co-supervisor Prof. D.J. Balding and Prof. G. Barbujani);
2000-2001 - Visiting PhD at the Applied Statistic Department of Reading University, supervisor Prof. D.J. Balding;
1999- 2000 Visiting PhD at the Department of Biology and Evolution of Ferrara University, supervisor Prof. Guido Barbujani;
1996 BS degree with honors in Statistical Sciences at the University of Padova (Supervisor: Prof. G. Masarotto).

Current position

2014 – now: Associate Professor in Molecular Biology at the Department of Biology, University of Padova.

Previous position

2005-2014 Assistant Professor in Statistics at the Department of Biology, University of Padova.
Fellowships
2001-2004 Post-Doc at the Department of Biology of the University of Padova;
1998-2001 PhD fellowship at the Department of Statistical Science of the University of Padova;
1997-1998 Fondazione Lanza research fellowship.

Teaching Activity

She teaches "Bioinformatics II" and "Computational synthetic biotechnology" at the Faculty of Sciences (classes of Molecular biology and Biotechnology respectively) and "Computational biostatistics and bioinformatics" at Faculty of Statistics (classes in Statistics).

Organisation of scientific meetings

2012 – Member of the Program Committee of BIOINFORMATICS 2012, International conference on bioinformatics models, methods and algorithms, Vilamoura – 1- 4 Feb 2012 Algarve, Portugal;
2014 - Member of the Program Committee BIOINFORMATICS 2014, International conference on bioinformatics models, methods and algorithms, Vilamoura – 3-6 March 2014 ESEO, ANGERS, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE.
2015 Organization and supervision of the workshop "Statistical Analysis of NGS data" in the framework of the Italian flagship EPIGEN projects;
2015 Organization and supervision of the scientific meeting "Analisi dati next Generation Sequencing (NGS)" at the Istituto Scientifico Romagnolo per lo studio e la cura dei Tumori;

Institutional responsibilities

2009-2014 Member of the PhD Committee of the PhD School in Bioscience and Biotechnology of the University of Padova;

2014-now Member of the PhD Committee of the PhD School in Bioscience of the University of Padova; 2013-now Coordinator of the Informatics Resources Committee of the Department of Biology.

Commissions of trust

2011 Associate Editor of BMC bioinformatics scientific journal;

2013 Associate Editor of PLOS One scientific journal;

She has been selected as a reviewer for the Human Frontier Science Program; She is also acting as reviewer for several international scientific journals.

Memberships of scientific societies

American Association of Cancer Research AACR; International Society for Computational Biology ISCB; Società di Cancerologia Italiana SIC; Società Italiana di Bioinformatica BITS.

Grants and Funding

Projects as PI

- AIRC (2016-2018) "Integrated landscape analysis of genomic and transcriptomic defects to predict serous ovarian cancer progression" (PI)
- CARIPO banking foundation (2013-2016) "Clinical, pathological and prognostic impact of transcriptional alterations in epithelial ovarian cancer." (Unit PI)
- CARIPARO banking foundation excellence grant (2012-2015) "Role of coding and non-coding RNA in chronic myeloproliferative neoplasms: from bioinformatics to translational research" (Unit PI)
- University of Padova – CPDA119031 (2012-2014) - "A system biology approach to studying epithelial ovarian cancer" (PI)
- CARIPARO banking foundation excellence grant (2006-2009) "A computational approach to the study of skeletal muscle genomic expression in health and disease" (Unit PI).

Scientific Production

Author of more than **123 publications** on international journals, of book chapters and several proceedings of international conferences she has an **h-index=37 (Scopus)** and total citation number of **3819**.

For the complete list of publications see <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=romualdi-c>

Research Team Description and Activity

From 2005 Chiara Romualdi is **PI of the Computational Biology Group at the Department of Biology** (<http://romualdi.bio.unipd.it>). The team has a strong background in bioinformatics and computational biology and a long experience in genomic studies. It composed of PhD students and postdoc fellows with highly multidisciplinary background (spanning from computer science, statistics, molecular biology, biotechnology, informatics). Their research activity gave contributions to the fields of gene expression data analysis, miRNA and mRNA data integration and pathway analysis. Recently they moved towards the development of computational framework for the integration of genomic, epigenetic and transcriptomic data derived from high-throughput deep-sequencing technology.

Publications

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