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Current Position

Associate Professor in Genetics and Evolution

Education and academic career

Institute and Location	Degree/Position	Year	Field of Study
University College London, London, UK	Associate Professor in Genetic and Evolution	2018-present	Evolution of development and regeneration
University College London, London, UK	Senior Lecturer in Genetic and Evolution	2008-2018	Evolution of development and regeneration
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA	Member of Professional Staff	2004-2007	Systems Biology of embryonic development
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA	Senior Research Fellow	2003-2004	Molecular and developmental biology
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2000-2003	Sea Urchin developmental biology
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA	Associate Researcher of Stowers Institute	1998-2000	Sea Urchin developmental biology
University of Palermo, Italy	PhD, <i>Optimum</i>	1998	Cell and Developmental biology
University of Palermo, Italy	Habilitation of Clinical Biology ¹ 135/150	1993	Microbiology and analytical biology
University of Palermo, Italy	BS, <i>Maxima cum laude</i>	1992	Biology

1) This is a degree required to work as analytical biologist and/or microbiologist in Italian hospitals.

Research Interests

Dr. Paola Oliveri, trained as cell and developmental biologist, is a molecular developmental biologist interested in evolution of the genetic program underlying the specification and identity of cell types. She uses a system level approach to study how the genome encodes for different aspects of embryonic development and adult regeneration. In her lab, functional genomics, molecular embryology and logical modeling are combined to study the specification of neurosensory cells and skeletal mesoderm during development and regeneration in echinoderms

Teaching/Education

- Teacher in the following undergraduate courses at UCL: BIOL0012 Animal Forms and Function, BIOL0013 Biology of Development, CELL0002 Mechanism of Development, BIOL0025 Advance Molecular Biology - Genome and Evolution. (2008-Present).
- Degree Tutor of Biology Generalist and Cell Biology degree at UCL (2008-Present).
- Instructor of the MBL Embryology Summer Course, Woods Hole, MA, USA (2006, 2007 and 2008), and EMBO MAMED course Kristineberg, Sweden (2013).
- Instructor of the MBL GRN Summer Course, Woods Hole, MA, USA (2009).
- Instructor of the 1st International Summer School: An integrated approach to marine invertebrate biodiversity: evolutionary and functional adaptations, Tricase, Lecce, Italy (2018).
- Supervisor of more than 40 undergraduate students (University of Palermo, Caltech, UCL), 18 graduate students (Caltech, UCL) 5 postdoc (Caltech, UCL) and 5 technicians (Caltech, UCL).
- Member of several national and international PhD examination panels.

Other Professional Experiences

- Guest editor for the special issue “Systems Biology – Genetic Networks”, published in BBA gene structure and expression in 2009.
- Official Reviewer for several international journals, such as BMC Genomics, Development, Developmental Biology, Mechanism of Development, PNAS, PloS Biology, Marine Genomics, EvoDevo, Scientific Reports, Nature, EvoDevo, BMC Biology.
- Co-organizer of several international conferences
- Promoter and organizer of the London Echinoderm Network.
- Invited speaker in many international conferences and seminars series (detailed list available upon request).

Author of 50 papers on international referenced (ISI) journals and 2 book chapters with 6988 citations (Google Scholar January 2019, of which 2761 since 2014) h-index of 30; i10-index of 40.

Publications

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3. Wood, N. J., Mattiello, T., Rowe, M. L., Ward, L., Perillo, M., Arnone, M. I., Elphick M.R. and **Oliveri P**. (2018). Neuropeptidergic Systems in Pluteus Larvae of the Sea Urchin *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*: Neurochemical Complexity in a "Simple" Nervous System. *Frontiers in Endocrinology*, 9, 61–13. <http://doi.org/10.3389/fendo.2018.00628>
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