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Education

04/2017 – 11/2021	Ph.D. Biotechnology Polytechnic University of Valencia (Valencia, Spain) Mentor: Prof. Santiago F. Elena Honors: <i>cum laude</i>
01/2021 – 04/2021	Visiting Phd student Institut de Biologie de l'École Normale Supérieure (Paris, France). Mentor: Prof. Marie-Anne Félix
09/2015 – 01/2017	M.S. Plant Molecular and Cellular Biotechnology Polytechnic University of Valencia (Valencia, Spain) Mentor: Prof. Santiago F. Elena
09/2011 – 07/2015	B.S. Biology University of Vigo (Vigo, Spain)
09/2014 – 01/2015	Exchange student University of Coimbra (Coimbra, Portugal)

Research experience

11/2021 - ongoing	Postdoctoral researcher Institut de Biologie de l'École Normale Supérieure (Paris, France)
04/2017 - 09/2021	Predocctoral researcher
09/2018 – 09/2021	Institute for Integrative Systems Biology (Paterna, Spain)
04/2017 - 09/2018	Institute for Plant Molecular and Cell Biology (Valencia, Spain)
05/2016 - 12/2016	Research Internship ADM Biopolis (Valencia, Spain)
01/2015 - 07/2015	Department research assistant University of Vigo (Vigo, Spain)
06/2013 - 07/2013	Volunteer Research Assistant University of Vigo (Vigo, Spain)

Additional professional activities

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- **Scientific Committee** of the 2nd PhD Meeting in Plant Science (Online)
 - **Reviewer** for Peer Community in Evolutionary Biology
 - **External examiner** for the PhD thesis of Joan Márquez Molins: “Novel insights of viroid biology and host responses to their infection”

Funding and awards

- 2021 **Postdoctoral Fellowship.** European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) “Microbiome impact on *Caenorhabditis elegans* viral infection and evolution of Orsay virus” (140.000€).
- 2021 **Research grant** “Dynamics of viral infection in simulated microgravity conditions”. Co-lead authors: Santiago F. Elena and Rubén González. Co-funded by European Space Agency and Spanish Research Council (180.682€).
- 2020 **Short-Term Fellowship.** European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) “Implementation of *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a model host system in virology research” (4450€).
- 2020 **Exchange grant** FISABIO-Valencia University Chair for financing research stays in Europe (4.000€).
- 2020 **Honourable mention** Best Student paper published in GBE 2019 Awards. (500€).
- 2020 **Membership** AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science. Full membership in AAAS for one year.
- 2017 **Research grant** for Research Personnel Training (FPI) (BES-2016-077078). MINECO-FEDER (92.750€).
- 2015 **Research grant** Department collaboration (BOE-A-2015-700). MINECO-FEDER (2.000€).
- 2014 **Exchange grant** ERASMUS+ exchange grant Xunta de Galicia’s Complement (1.100€).
- 2014 **Exchange grant** European Commission’s ERASMUS+ Fellowship (1.700€).

Publications

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- Navarro R, Ambrós S, Butković A, Carrasco JL, **González R**, Martínez F, Wu B, Elena SF[#]. (2022) Defects in plant immunity modulate the rates and patterns of RNA virus evolution. *Virus Evolution*, veac059.
- **González R**[#], Elena SF. (2021) The interplay between the host microbiome and pathogenic viral infections. *mBio*. 12: e02496-21.
- **González R**^{*#}, Butković A*, Elena SF[#]. (2020) From foes to friends: viral infections expand the limits of host phenotypic plasticity. *Advances in Virus Research*, 106: 85-121. <https://doi.org/10.1016/bs.aivir.2020.01.003>
- Butković A, **González R**, Rivarez MPS, Elena SF[#]. (2020) A genome-wide association study identifies *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes that contribute to differences in the outcome of infection with two Turnip mosaic potyvirus strains that differ in their evolutionary history and degree of host specialization. *Virus Evolution*, veab063.
- **González R**, Butković A, Escaray F, Martínez-Latorre J, Melero I, Pérez-Parets E, Gómez-Cadenas A, Carrasco P, Elena SF[#]. (2021) Plant virus evolution under strong drought conditions results in a transition from parasitism to mutualism. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. 118, e2020990118. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2020990118>

- Butkovic A, **González R**, Elena S.F[#]. (2021) Revisiting *Orthotospovirus* phylogeny using full-genome data and testing the contribution of selection, recombination and segments reassortment in the origin of new species. *Archives of Virology*. 166, 491–499. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00705-020-04902-1>
- **González R[#]**, Butković A, Rivarez MPS, Elena SF. (2020) Natural variation in *Arabidopsis thaliana* rosette area unveils new genes involved in plant development. *Scientific Reports*, 10,17600. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-74723-4>
- Butkovic A, **González R**, Cobo I, Elena SF[#]. (2020) Adaptation of turnip mosaic potyvirus to a specific niche reduces its genetic and environmental robustness *Virus Evolution*, 6: veaa041 <https://doi.org/10.1093/ve/veaa041>
- **González R**, Butković A, Elena SF[#]. (2019) Role of host genetic diversity for susceptibility-to-infection in the evolution of virulence of a plant virus. *Virus Evolution*, 5: vez024. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ve/vez024>
- **González R***, Wu B*, Li X*, Martínez F[#], Elena SF[#]. (2019) Mutagenesis scanning uncovers evolutionary constraints on tobacco etch potyvirus membrane-associated 6K2 protein. *Genome Biology and Evolution*, 11: 1207–1222. <https://doi.org/10.1093/gbe/evz069>
- Rolán-Alvarez[#] E, Carvajal-Rodríguez A, de Coo A, Cortés B, Estévez D, Ferreira M, **González R**, Briscoe AD. (2015) The scale-of-choice effect and how estimates of assortative mating in the wild can be biased due to heterogeneous samples *Evolution*, 69: 1845–1857. <https://doi.org/10.1111/evo.12691>

Invited talks

- 01/2023 **Impact of host age on virus evolution.** Key note talk at French National Plant Virus Symposium (Aussois).
- 03/2021 **A plant virus evolves under drought conditions to promote host survival.** Department seminar at Centre for Microbiology and Environmental Systems Science, Universität Wien (Vienna, Austria).

Contributed presentations

- Evolutionary Biology of Caenorhabditis and Other Nematodes (Hamilton, Canada)
Sensitivity of *C. elegans* to Orsay virus is suppressed by some bacteria and by a *haao-1* reduction-of-function polymorphism. (2022) **González R**, Richaud A, Bêlicard T, Martynow D, Alkan C, Félix M-A. Talk.
- Wellcome Genome Campus Virus Genomics and Evolution virtual conference (Hixton, UK)
Plant aging increases susceptibility to Turnip mosaic potyvirus infection and influences virus evolution. (2021) **González R**, Melero I, de la Iglesia F, Elena SF. Poster.
- Worm-Virus meeting (Virtual)
Setting up *C. elegans* as a host model system for experimental virus evolution, experimental epidemiology and systems virology (2020) Elena SF, **González, R**. Talk.
- Wellcome Genome Campus Single Cell Biology (Virtual conference) 2020. Assitance
- Wellcome Genome Campus 3rd meeting on Evolutionary Systems Biology (Hixton, UK)

Mapping *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes involved in plant response to a turnip mosaic potyvirus (TuMV) infection. (2020) Butković A, **González R**, Elena SF. Talk.

- Wellcome Genome Campus 3rd meeting on Evolutionary Systems Biology (Hixton, UK)
Virus evolution in the pathosystem turnip mosaic potyvirus – *Arabidopsis thaliana* under drought conditions selects for viruses who enhance the host tolerance to water deficiency. (2020) **González R**, Butković A, Martínez-Latorre J, Melero I, Pérez-Parets E, de la Iglesia F, Elena SF. Poster.
- Wellcome Genome Campus 3rd meeting on Evolutionary Systems Biology (Hixton, UK)
Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) to identify genes involved in differential response of *Arabidopsis thaliana* to infection with generalist and specialist strains of a potyvirus. (2020) Butković A, **González R**, Rivarez MPS, de la Iglesia F, Elena SF. Poster.
- Experimental Evolution Workshop (Biar, Spain)
Evolving towards mutualism: an experimental study on the virus-host interactions changes induced by the environment. (2019) **González R**, Butković A, Martínez-Latorre J, Melero I, Pérez-Parets E, de la Iglesia F, Elena SF. Talk.
- Conférences Jacques-Monod (Roscoff, France)
Environmental stress shapes the evolution of a potyvirus towards a mutualistic relationship with its host. (2019) **González R**, Butković A, Martínez-Latorre J, Melero I, de la Iglesia F, Elena SF. Talk.
- XXIIes Journées Francophones de Virologie (Lyon, France)
Evolution of virulence of an emerging RNA virus in homogeneous vs heterogeneous plant populations. (2019) **González R**, de la Iglesia F, Butković A, Elena SF. Talk.
- 10th Workshop in Virus Evolution (State College Pennsylvania, USA)
Evolving in drought conditions: consequences in the interaction between a potyvirus and *Arabidopsis thaliana*. (2019) **González R**, Butković A, Martínez J, Melero I, Elena SF. Poster.
- International Plant Virus Epidemiology Symposium (Seoul, South Korea)
Variability in resistance genes conditions the evolution of emerging plant RNA viruses. (2019) Elena SF, Martínez F, Butković A, Carrasco JL, de la Iglesia F, **González R**, Navarro R. Talk.
- XIII Reunión de Biología Vegetal (Puerto Varas, Chile)
Host variability in resistance genes conditions the evolution of emerging plant RNA virus. (2018) Elena SF, Martínez F, Butković A, Carrasco JL, de la Iglesia F, **González R**, Navarro R. Talk.
- 24th European Meeting of PhD Students in Evolutionary Biology (Bubiión, España)
Evolution of RNA viruses in hosts with variable susceptibility. (2018) **González R**, Elena SF. Talk.
- VI Spanish Worm Meeting (Valencia, Spain)
Evaluation of *Caenorhabditis elegans* as experimental host for a thrip-transmitted plant RNA virus. (2017) **González R**, Martorell P, Ramón D, Elena SF, Ambrós S. Talk.
- Iberian Congress of Entomology (Lisbon, Portugal)
Variación de las comunidades de insectos en el río Fragoso (Ourense, NO España) en relación con el impacto de las minicentrales: 2001-2015 (2016) Álvarez-Troncoso R, Fernández F, **González R**, Miguez C, Garrido J. Poster.

2021	YIP PhD course EMBO
2020	Program certificate in Data Analysis for Life Science HarvardX
2017	Ethics in research Polytechnic University of Valencia
2017	Statistics and mathematical methods for Research Polytechnic University of Valencia
2017	Rewriting science: Avoiding mistakes in written and spoken scientific English Polytechnic University of Valencia

Memberships

SEV	Spanish Society for Virology	since May 2018
SMBE	Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution	since July 2019
ESEB	European Society for Evolutionary Biology	since November 2019
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science	since January 2020