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Education

2017: PhD in Mathematical Engineering

Carlos III University of Madrid (UC3M) || Graduated *cum laude*, awarded extraordinary prize

Thesis: Models in molecular evolution: the case of toyLIFE

2017: BSc in Mathematics (4-year degree)

National Distance Education University (UNED) || GPA: 9.5 (out of 10)

Studied simultaneously with PhD

2012: MSc in Modelling and Physics of Complex Systems

King Juan Carlos I University of Madrid (URJC) || GPA: 9.75 (out of 10)

Thesis: Mutation-selection equilibrium in finite populations playing a Hawk-Dove game

2011: BSc+MSc in Biology (5-year degree)

Complutense University of Madrid (UCM) | GPA: 9.74 (out of 10) (Graduated with honors)

Work Experience

Apr 2017—present: Postdoctoral researcher

Department of Mathematics, Carlos III University of Madrid

Research topic: Models in molecular evolution

Supervisor: Prof. José A. Cuesta

Dec 2012—Feb 2017: PhD student

Department of Mathematics, Carlos III University of Madrid

Research topic: Models in molecular evolution

Supervisor: Prof. José A. Cuesta

Oct 2008—Jun 2011: Assistant researcher (undergraduate)

Department of Ecology, Complutense University of Madrid

Research topic: Reproductive allocation strategies in Cistus ladanifer

Supervisor: Dr. Juan Antonio Delgado

Awards

Jan 2018 Best poster award at the 6th meeting of the Spanish Society for Evolutionary Biology (Palma de Mallorca, Spain).

Mar 2016 Short-Term Fellowship for a 60 days visit to Robert Beardmore's lab, University of Exeter (awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy)

Mar 2015 Short-Term Fellowship for a 120 days visit to Andreas Wagner's lab, University of Zurich (awarded by EMBO)

- **Dec 2012** FPI PhD Fellowship: 4 year fellowship to carry out a PhD at Carlos III University (awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy)
- **Sep 2010** Assistant scholarship: 1 year fellowship to collaborate in research as an undergraduate (awarded by Complutense University of Madrid)
- **Sep 2009** Excellency scholarship: 1 year fellowship to collaborate in research as an undergraduate (awarded by the Regional Government of Madrid)
- **Sep 2008** Excellency scholarship: 1 year fellowship to collaborate in research as an undergraduate (awarded by the Regional Government of Madrid)

Teaching

2015-2016, **2017-2018**: Linear Algebra (problems)

One semester course, taught to first year students in the Degree in Industrial Technology Engineering at Carlos III University of Madrid

Languages

English: Full professional proficiency (C2).

French: Elementary proficiency (A2).

Publications

- 8. <u>CATALÁN, P.</u>, Wagner, A., Cuesta, J. A. and Manrubia, S. **2018** Adding levels of complexity enhances robustness and evolvability in a multi-level genotype-phenotype map. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface* **15:20170516**.
- 7. <u>CATALÁN, P.</u>, Arias, C.F., Cuesta, J. A. and Manrubia, S. **2017** Adaptive multiscapes: an up-to-date metaphor to visualize molecular adaptation. *Biology Direct* **12:7**.
- 6. Catalán, P., Delgado, J.A., Jiménez, M.D. and Balaguer, L. **2016**. Sink strength manipulation in branches of a Mediterranean woody plant suggests sink-driven allocation of biomass in fruits but not of nutrients in seeds. *Acta Physiologiae Plantarum* **38:193**.
- 5. Planchuelo, G., <u>CATALÁN</u>, <u>P.</u> and Delgado, J.A. **2016**. Gone with the wind and the stream: Dispersal in the invasive species *Ailanthus altissima*. *Acta Oecologica* **73:31-37**.
- 4. Planchuelo, G., <u>Catalán, P.</u>, Delgado, J.A. and Murciano A. **2016**. Estimating wind dispersal potential in *Ailanthus altissima*: The need to consider the three-dimensional structure of samaras. *Plant Biosystems*, DOI: 10.1080/11263504.2016.1174170.
- 3. <u>CATALÁN, P.</u>, Seoane, J.M. and Sanjuán, M.A.F. **2015**. Mutation-selection equilibrium in finite populations playing a Hawk-Dove game. *Communications in Nonlinear Science and Numerical Simulations* **25:66-73**.
- 2. Arias, C.F., <u>Catalán</u>, <u>P.</u>, Manrubia, S.M. and Cuesta, J.A. **2014**. toyLIFE: a computational framework to study the multi-level organization of the genotype-phenotype map. *Scientific Reports* **4**: **7549**.
- 1. CATALÁN, P., Vázquez de Aldana, B.R., De las Heras, P., Fernández-Seral, A. and Pérez-Corona, M.E. **2013**. Comparing the allelopathic potential of exotic and native plant species on understory plants: are exotic plants better armed? *Anales de Biología* **35**: **65-74**.

Conference contributions

Posters

- 7. CATALÁN, P., Manrubia, S. and Cuesta, J. A. **2018**. Adding levels of complexity enhances robustness and evolvability in a multi-level genotype-phenotype map. **6th SESBE Meeting. January 17-19th 2018**, **Palma de Mallorca (Spain)**.
- 6. CATALÁN, P., Manrubia, S. and Cuesta, J. A. 2017. The evolution of pattern formation in toyLIFE, a multi-level model of the genotype-phenotype map. EMBO Conference Quantitative Principles in Biology. 2-4 Noviembre 2017. Heidelberg (Germany).
- 5. CATALÁN, P., Manrubia, S. and Cuesta, J. A. **2017**. Evolutionary dynamics on shifting environments suggest new antibiotic therapies. **Gordon Research Conference: Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution. June 11-17th 2017**, **Easton (USA)**.
- 4. CATALÁN, P., Fernández-Arias, C. and Cuesta, J. A. 2014. t_{OY}LIFE: un universo de juguete para comprender mejor la evolución. XIX Congreso de Física Estadística (FISES '14). April 2-4th 2014, Ourense (Spain).
- 3. <u>CATALÁN, P.</u>, Jiménez, M.D., Delgado, J.A. and Balaguer, L. **2011**. Variation in sink strength affects size-mediated competition within the crown. **12 th EEF Congress. September 25-29th 2011**, **Ávila (Spain)**.
- 2. Pérez-Corona, M.E., CATALÁN, P., Fernández-Seral, A., De las Heras, P., Castro-Díez, P. and Vázquez de Aldana, B.R. 2011. Effect of riverine invasive species in germination and radicle growth of understory species. 12 th EEF Congress. September 25-29th 2011, Ávila (Spain).
- 1. Pérez-Borrero, B., <u>Catalán, P.</u>, Aguilar, E.Y., Fontecha, G., Trabanino, R., Gallego, F.J., Figueiras, A.M. and Benito, C. **2010**. Identificación con diferentes marcadores moleculares de cepas de Beauveria bassiana utilizadas en la lucha biológica contra la broca del café (Hypothenemus hampei). XII Congreso Internacional de manejo integrado de plagas / XX reunión anual de la Sociedad americana de fitopatología (APS-CD). August 24-27th 2010, Managua (Nicaragua).

Talks

- 4. CATALÁN, P. 2016. toyLIFE, or the importance of being promiscuous. International Workshop on Genotype-Phenotype Maps 2016 (IWGP 2016). 8-9 September 2016, Cambridge (UK) (invited talk).
- 3. CATALÁN, P. 2015. toyLIFE: the complexities of the genotype-phenotype map. Modelling Biological Evolution 2015 (MBE '15), April 28-May 1 2015, Leicester (UK) (invited talk).
- 2. CATALÁN, P. 2014. toyLlFE: a toy Universe for gaining insight into biological evolution. XI GISC Workshop, February 7th 2014, Madrid (Spain).
- 1. CATALÁN, P., Fernández-Arias, C. and Cuesta, J. A. **2013**. toy LIFE: a toy Universe for gaining insight into evolution. **4th SESBE Meeting. November 27-29th 2013**, **Barcelona (Spain)**.