

## Background:

I have a background in bioinformatics and plant biology and extensive experience in code development, data analysis and added data science, machine and deep learning and web and application development. Following my PhD, and I spent 3.5 years developing bioinformatics methods for comprehending the transcriptional and post-transcriptional genomics across nuclear and organelle genomes at Fondazione Edmund Mach in Italy after completing my PhD. I analyzed and finished multiple RNA-seq and Organelle-Seq experiments for several plant species, including *Arundo donax* (an emerging biofuel plant). Additionally, I have done a lot of work in the field of organelle genomics and have published the first Cardamine species' chloroplast genomes. Additionally, while working at FEM, I independently created an international partnership to find and create computational methods for a number of crop species. After that, I spent two years (2014–2016) as a Research Fellow (Academic Level B) at the University of Technology, Sydney, where I developed computational methods for understanding seagrasses. Following that, I spent a short time in University of Connecticut, USA, where I analyzed the Douglas fir genome from the genome annotation to the phylogenomics and identifying genes and evolution of importance.

Since August 2017, I have worked as a Postdoctoral researcher at the Finnish Museum of Natural History and the University of Helsinki, conducting research on genome bioinformatics and sequencing the genomes of lower plants, including *Coleochaete orbicularis*, *Blasia pusilla*, *Chaetosporidium orbicularis*, *Polytrichum commune*, *Mallomonas*, and *Cryptomonas* species. My work has been focused on genome assembly, genome annotation, chloroplast genomics, and a variety of other topics. Additionally, I've worked for various other organisations, collaborating with Edinburgh UK, to analyse the genomics data for PAFTOL species and the chloroplast genomes of the Ambrosia clade. Since 2019, my research has shifted to examining the genomes of fungi whose species have been sequenced using NextSeq methods. This work is currently concentrated on genome assembly, annotations, markers genes, and phylogenomics of those fungi. I have assembled, annotated, and identified ITS and other phylogenomics markers, as well as performed alignments, phylogenies, and downstream analyses on the fungal genomes of over 500 different species. The bioinformatics application of high throughput sequencing and methods to comprehend the biological and functional importance of the genes, evolution, and pathways in plants have been the main areas of my research up to this point.

From 2022-2023, I added several new skills as a career advancement and profiling to the new positions, with new developments. **I learnt data science, machine and deep learning, added several certification on devops and added Python, Julia, Javascript and complete web and application development. This makes me a standout candidate for the position as I work from the bioinformatics to machine and deep learning. Additionally, the inclusion of the web and the application development using the python and javascript with added skills of deployment using the devops makes me a versatile and an approachable candidate, who can address not only the questions pertaining to this project but across several other projects. This continuous increase in my abilities and my constant efforts to put results are a proof of itself that I am a person, who is result and goal oriented.**

As I worked on these plant, bacterial and fungal species, I created new computational analyses that helped identify the genes involved in abiotic and biotic interactions as well as unique genetic pathways that could help these species' genetic breeding. In addition to developing bioinformatics to clarify functional genomics, I have also created a number of marker-based strategies and, more recently, intron-spanning markers to advance the genetics of cereals and legumes. My research interests are directly related to the posted position, as well as the ongoing research projects, research activities, and my selection for the aforementioned position.

## Why I should be considered:

My wide skill set and extensive experience make me a strong candidate for the offered position, and I can play a variety of role across the selected position. I have expertise motivating individuals with various mindsets to strive toward their objectives and get the desired results. During my time conducting research, I developed the skills I would need as a future scientist, including designing biological hypotheses, analyzing deep sequencing data, and interpreting its biological significance in the context of planned experiments. I offer my application for the advertised post in light of these factors. I offer my application for the advertised post in light of these factors. I consider myself to be someone with a high level of perseverance who is driven and eager to learn everything. My core teaching objective will be to help the students learn to actively think and pursue their independent thinking.

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**Research Interest:** Highly communicative, motivated, task oriented, feature responsive, time oriented, approachable, solution seeker and initiative taker focussed professional person working on Bioinformatics, Deep Learning, DevOps, Graphs. **Bioinformatics:** genomes, transcriptomes, organelle, metagenomes and metatranscriptomes, evolutionary and phylogenome analysis. **Species:** plant, bacterial and fungal. Sequencing platform Illumina, PacBio, Oxford Nanopore. PacbioHifi. **Deep learning:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, CatBoost, XGBoost, Sklearn, Keras and other machine and deep learning. **DevOps:** Git, Docker, Kubernetes and Terraform for container orchestration. **Job Scheduler:** Skilled in both pbs and slurm. Established computing cluster and blades. **Git management:** Github commandline and GitKraken including stashing, rebasing, stashing, committing

**SoftSkills:** I am very pro-active in making communication and upskilling on emerging trends. Proficient in developing new approaches for better integration and minimal interactions, ease of access approaches. Profile development by reading about the latest trends in code, personal and professional development. Prefer office space work but also open to remote work 1-2 days. Efficient in time and project requirements, approaches and solving limitations.

#### Areas of Interest:

Bioinformatics, Deep Learning, RAG, Language Models and Graphs.  
Priority Language: Python, R, Ruby, Julia, Javascript, Shell, Awk, Nextflow  
Machine/Deep Learning: PyTorch, Tensorflow, CatBoost, XGBoost, Scikit-learn, Keras, LightGBM, Fastai.  
Package Development: Python, Julia, Ruby.  
API Development using FASTAPI  
Documentation: Markdown, ReadTheDocs, MkDocs, Jekyll, Github Pages, Quatro

#### DevOps

Priority Language: Shell, NuShell, Awk, Python, Nodejs  
Code Management: Git, GitKraken.  
Application deployment: Docker  
Orchestration: Terraform, Kubernetes.  
Database Management: SQLite3, MySQL, MongoDB.  
HPC management: PBS and SLURM as job scheduler

Web Development: Priority Language: Ruby on Rails, Streamlit, Python Shiny/ShinyExpress, Django, Julia, Flask, HTML, Javascript

Application Development: Priority Language: Learning Electron, PyQt, PyGTK, Typescript

#### Education/Research/Teaching Academic appointments:

1. 2024-Academic Staff Member, Universitat Potsdam, Germany
2. 2022-2023: Career Addition: Deep Learning, Data Science, Certification.
3. July 2017- Dec 2021: Postdoctoral Researcher, Finnish Museum of Natural History (Botany), Finland.
4. Aug 2016-Jan 2017: University Fellow, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.
5. Sept 2014-Sept 2016: Research Fellow, University of Technology Sydney, Australia.
6. Sept 2011-Sept 2014: CoCoPro, Fondazione Edmund Mach, IASMA, Italy.
7. Dec 2010-Aug 2011: Visiting Post-doc Researcher, Huazhong Agricultural University, China.
8. 2006-2009: PhD Candidate, Jai Narian Vyas University (JNVU), India.

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### **Fellowships and Travel Grants (Chronological Order):**

1. 2014-2016: UTS Internal Start-up Grant (\$20K) Project Role: Principal Investigator.
2. 2015-2016: KARORA: Graphic driven platform independent proteomics workflow for spectral libraries (2016) University of Technology Sydney (\$15K) Project Role: Principal Investigator.
3. 2012-2014: Awarded CoCoPro Fellowship for “Developing NGS tools and techniques for large scale methods implementation in transcriptomics and genomics.
4. 2011-2012: Awarded EU Postdoctoral Fellowship (BIOMASFOR) “Enhancing biomass potential for European forest using NGS technologies”.
5. 2012: Awarded travel grant by European Conference on Computational Biology, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (ECCB, 2012) for presenting FungPROTDB: Database of protein homo-repeats in fungal proteomes and secretomes.
6. 2010-2011: Chinese Fellowship “Developing transcriptomics tools for Disopyros kaki”.
7. 2011: Awarded Prestigious DS Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India (Award Number BL/10/0057) on Identification of potential stress related microRNAs in Wheat and Pennisetum. Project Role: Principal Investigator.
8. 2006-2009: Awarded University Research Fellowship on Doctoral Dissertation, Computational Mining of Phyto-Diversity Resources of Rajasthan and Analysis of Simple Sequence Repeats (SSR’s), Biotechnology Centre, Jai Narian Vyas University, India.
9. 2009: “Molecular Characterization and Prediction of Interspecies Diversity in Acacia’s for Sustainable Rehabilitation through Agroforestry”- F7(7)/DST/SP/2009/343-355. Funding: State Department of Science and Technology, Rajasthan, India. Project Role: Principal Investigator.
10. 2008: Molecular Characterization of the Prosopis cineraria: A sustainable move towards conservation of Biodiversity of Arid Regions”- P35/DST/2008/2227. Funding: State Department of Science and Technology, Rajasthan, India. Project Role: Principal Investigator.

### **Grant Reviewer:**

1. Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) (2014), Ohio Plant Biotechnology Consortium, USA.
2. Reviewed WHITE proposal (2018) from Chargée de Projets Scientifiques, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France.

### **Educational Service as Peer Reviewer in ISI Journals:**

I am serving/served as Ad-hoc reviewer for following ISI journals: Silvae Genetica (Germany); Bioinformatics, (Oxford Journal); International Journal of Bioinformatics Research; African Journal of Biotechnology; 3Biotech (Springer); Molecular Biology Reports (Springer); Frontiers in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (Frontiers); Genomics (Elsevier), Plant Omics Journal, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek Journal of Microbiology (Springer), Plant Molecular Biology Reporter (Springer), Journal of Aquatic Animal Health (Taylor and Francis), Frontiers in Genetics (Frontiers), Frontiers in Statistical Genetics (Frontiers), RNA Biology (Lande Sciences), Journal of Genetics and Genomics (Springer); Computational Molecular Biology; Journal of Structural Biology (Elsevier), Molecular



Genetics and Genomics (Springer). PLOS ONE, Database (Oxford Journal), Journal of Fish Diseases (Wiley), Canadian Journal of Microbiology (NRC Press), Interdisciplinary Sciences: Computational Life Sciences (Springer), Journal of Biomolecular and Structural Design (Taylor and Francis), DNA Research (Oxford Journal), Nucleic Acid Research (Oxford Journal), PeerJ, BMC Genomics, Functional and Integrative Genomics, The Plant Journal, Scientific Reports, Current Plant Biology, Journal of Forest Research.

### **Bioinformatics Resources:**

1. ChloroMitoSSRDB and ChloroMitoSSRDB 2.00: Webserver cum Database of Chloroplast and Mitochondrial microsatellites available at [www.mcr.org.in/chloromitossrdb](http://www.mcr.org.in/chloromitossrdb).
2. Plant Alternative Splicing Database: Alternative splicing database containing the splice patterns of Brachypodium available at <http://proteomics.yzu.edu/altsplice/>.
3. IsomiRex: Webserver for identification of the microRNA, differential expression and isomiRs from smallRNA dataset available at <http://bioinfo1.uni-plovdiv.bg/isomiRex/>.
4. SBMDB: World first Sugarbeet microsatellite database containing polymorphic SSRs for sugarbeet genome: <http://cabindb.iasri.res.in/sbmdb>.
5. PlantFuncSSRs: Functional SSRs in Plants: [www.bioinfocabd.upo.es:3000](http://www.bioinfocabd.upo.es:3000).
6. miRTar2GO: microRNA prediction using CLIP-seq: <http://mirtar2go.org>.
7. ChloroMitoCU: Organelle centric platform for browsing thousands of pre-compiled codon patterns across organelle genomes: <http://chloromitocu.cgu.edu.tw/>.
8. SplicingTypesAnno: annotating and quantifying alternative splicing events for RNA-Seq data available from: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/splicingtypes/>.
9. NAGNAG Splicing: Identification and quantification of the NAGNAG splicing events from: <http://genome.sdau.edu.cn/research/software/nagnag.html>.
10. ALTools: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/altools/files/?source=navbar>
11. KARORA: Java enabled Pathovariance system for Mass-spectrometry data.
12. AquaticPlantDB: First repository for Aquatic plants: <http://115.146.91.129/index.php>
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### **Invited talks and Presentations:**

1. 2014 – Invited by European Union COST action programme to deliver my finding on “Variations in stress-regulated smallRNA transcriptomics of *Arabidopsis thaliana*”, Sofia, Bulgaria.
2. 2012 – Invited to deliver a Keynote lecture on Plant and Pathogen Genomics: NGS and Cross talks at International Conference on Bioinformatics and System Biology, BIOCOMP, Varna, Bulgaria.
3. 2013 – Invited to deliver a lecture on Genome-wide landscape of alternative splicing events in *Brachypodium distachyon* at 1st International Brachypodium Conference, Modena, Italy.
4. 2012 – Invited to deliver a Keynote lecture on Plant and Pathogen Genomics: NGS and Cross-talk at CRIBI, University of Padova, Italy.
5. 2011 – Invited Keynote lecture on Alternative splicing, GC Biology and Evolution of Codon Biology in plant and viral genomes and their potential applications at Shenyang Agricultural University, Shenyang, China.
6. 2011 – Presented an oral presentation on Multivariate analysis revealed translational selection and mutational bias in *Heterobasidion irregulare* at XIII IUFRO Conference on Root and Butt Rot of Forest trees. Trento, Italy
7. 2011 – Presented an oral presentation on Comparative genomic analysis of rot fungi: insights into the evolution of specialized functions at XIII IUFRO Conference on Root and Butt Rot of Forest trees. Trento, Italy

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