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## LANGUAGE

Turkish (Native) English (Fluent)

TOEFL iBT: 102/120 (Reading: Advanced, Listening: Advanced, Speaking: High-Intermediate, Writing: Advanced)

German (Beginner)
Danish (Beginner)

#### **EDUCATION**

PhD
Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences

University of Copenhagen, Denmark 01.01.2022 - ongoing

Supervised by Thorfinn S. Korneliussen and Rasmus Nielsen

BSc in Biology
Faculty of Science Department of Biology

Faculty of Science, Department of Biology
GPA: 3.23, Certificate No: 20-321-032

Research assistant, Advisor: Thorfinn S. Korneliussen and Rasmus Nielsen

Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey Date of Graduation: 06.07.2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### GLOBE Institute, Section for GeoGenetics

University of Copenhagen, Denmark 2020/10 - 2021/12

I contributed to the development and evaluation of the Lundbeck projects' bioinformatic pipeline. I contributed in a number of independent projects which resulted in 2 publications and contributed to 3 ongoing projects.

Fumagalli Lab

Imperial College London, United Kingdom

2019/7 - 2019/9

Intern, Advisor: Matteo Fumagalli

I contributed to the HMMPloidy project by implementing various functions such as the genotype likelihood calculation for any given N-ploidy value, which resulted in a publication available as preprint.

### Biogeography Research Laboratory

Hacettepe University, Turkey

Intern, Advisor: Barış Özüdoğru

2019/2 - 2020/7

I developed a bioinformatic pipeline for the preprocessing, alignment, postprocessing and the phylogenomic analyses of RADSeq data, which I have used to carry out analyses which resulted in a manuscript in preparation.

## Laboratory of Comparative and Evolutionary Biology

Middle East Technical University, Turkey

Intern, Advisor: Mehmet Somel

2018/8 - 2019/6

I carried out analyses to evaluate the effect of the properties of probe sequences, such as GC content, on the performance of the 1240 K SNP capture method.

# Laboratory of Evolutionary and Quantitative Genetics

Hacettepe University, Turkey

Intern, Advisor: Ergi Deniz Özsoy

2015/10 - 2019/2

I contributed to the statistical analyses of quantitative genetics projects based on Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel 2 data, which resulted in a poster presentation and acknowledgement in MSc and PhD theses.

#### SKILLS

Programming languages: C/C++, Rust, R, Python, Bash, Perl, Java, JavaScript

Markup languages: LATEX, Markdown, HTML&CSS

Operating systems: GNU/Linux

Other tools and frameworks: Git, Conda, Snakemake, RShiny, Dash, Django

# Relevant Courses

Computational Statistics, University of Copenhagen, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2022

Advanced Topics in Data Analysis, University of Copenhagen, 2021

Fundamentals in Computational Analysis of Large-Scale Datasets, University of Copenhagen, 2021

Stay-at-Home RevBayes Workshop, Topics: Tree inference from molecular data, evaluating MCMC performance, assessing model adequacy and macroevolutionary analyses, 2020

Fundamentals of Bioinformatics, Department of Computer Science, Hacettepe University, Lecturer: Tunca Doğan, 2019

Population Genetics, Graduate course, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Middle East Technical University,

Lecturer: Mehmet Somel, 2018

Population Genetics Simulations with R, Middle East Technical University, 2018

Introduction to Game Theory, Anadolu University, 2017

Evolutionary Genomics Winter School, Hacettepe University, 2017

# PRESENTATIONS

"A Genotype Likelihood Framework for the Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA)", Evolution and Population Genetics in Denmark (EPIC) Conference, 2022

"Evolutionary Biology and Preventing the Species Extinction", 7th National Environment and Ecology Student Congress, 2016

"Biological Evolution", Science and Future Magazine Science for Youth Seminar, 2018

"Evolutionary Perspectives on Ecological Problems", Turkey Meets Evolution: Bilkent University, 2016

"Evolutionary Biology and Preventing the Species Extinction", 7th National Environment and Ecology Student Congress, 2016

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Damla Aygün, Isin Altinkaya, Murat Yılmaz, Ergi Deniz Özsoy, Efe Sezgin. "Host genetics of microbiota diversity in *Drosophila melanogaster*". Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium, Turkey, 2018

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Alex Mas-Sandoval, Nathaniel S. Pope, Knud Nor Nielsen, Isin Altinkaya, Matteo Fumagalli, and Thorfinn Sand Korneliussen. Fast and accurate estimation of multidimensional site frequency spectra from low-coverage high-throughput sequencing data. GigaScience

Samuele Soraggi, Johanna Rhodes, **Isin Altinkaya**, Oliver Tarrant, François Balloux, Matthew C. Fisher, Matteo Fumagalli. HMMploidy: inference of ploidy levels from short-read sequencing data. Peer Community Journal, https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.29.450340

### Preprints

Morten E. Allentoft [et al, including **Isin Altinkaya**.] (2022) Population Genomics of Stone Age Eurasia, bioRxiv, https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.05.04.490594

### Manuscripts in preparation

Isin Altinkaya, Ismail Kudret Saglam, Barış Özüdoğru. Understanding the phylogenetic relationships within the Noccaea species complex from RADseq data using the multi-species coalescent.

Isin Altinkaya, Lei Zhao, Rasmus Nielsen, Thorfinn S. Korneliussen. A Genotype Likelihood Framework for Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA) with Low Depth Sequencing Data.

Hugh McColl, José Victor Moreno Mayar, **Isin Altinkaya**, Thorfinn Sand Korneliussen, Accurate and precise library complexity estimations for ancient DNA libraries using patterned flowcell technology.

Fulya Eylem Yediay et al. [et al, including Isin Altinkaya.] Population genomics of Bronze Age Mediterranean.

# SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

12th Aykut Kence Evolution Conference, Organizer, 2018

Science and Utopia Magazine, Popular science writer, Subject: Evolutionary biology, June 2017 - May 2018

Popular Science Magazine, Translator, February 2016 - May 2016

Tree of Evolution, Writer and editor; Subject: Evolutionary biology, November 2015 - present

Turkey Meets Evolution: Izmir, Organizer, 2012

Tree of Evolution Bornova Anatolian High School Evolution Workshop, Organizer, 2012

#### **Popular Science Publications**

Science and Utopia Magazine, Issue: 283, Examining the Thin Line Between Living and Non-Living Matter, with Dr. Martin Hanczyc Science and Utopia Magazine, Issue: 278, Education and Perceptions: Evolution in Turkey

Atheist Magazine, Issue: 16, The Evolving Brain

Atheist Magazine, Issue: 14, Evolutionary Perspectives on LGBTI+

Atheist Magazine, Issue: 13, Understanding Evolution through the Human Body

Atheist Magazine, Issue: 12, Atheist Thinking under the Light of Evolution

Popular science articles at the Evrim Ağacı (Tree of Evolution) platform can be found at evrimagaci.org/isinaltinkaya.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Advanced Bioinformatics for Next-Generation Sequencing 2021, MSc course, University of Copenhagen, **Teaching Assistant**, 2021 Introduction to Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Workshop, Hacettepe University, **Teaching Assistant**, 2020

Biometry, 4th year elective course, Hacettepe University, Teaching Assistant, 2019

Introductory Evolutionary Biology, Science and Utopia Magazine Evolution Courses, Lecturer, 2017

Introduction to Evolution, Hacettepe University Evolution Workshops, Lecturer, 2016

# SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Erasmus+ Traineeship Grant, Imperial College London, 2019
Hacktoberfest Award, for contributing to open source projects, 2018 and 2019
Atheist Alliance International Foundation Scholarship for Students in Underdeveloped Countries, 2016 and 2017

# Memberships & Affiliations

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, 2023 - present Society for the Study of Evolution, 2021 - present Free Software Foundation, 2020 - present Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Society of Turkey, 2017 - present