Curriculum Vitae of Laura Azzimonti

Personal information

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Nationality Italian

Duties



Current position

Dates from January 2020

Position Senior Researcher and Lecturer at IDSIA, "Dalle Molle" Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Name of organization Department of Innovative Technologies - SUPSI, University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland

Research in the field of Bayesian networks and Bayesian hierarchical models. Development and software implementation of approximate inference methods. Coordination of SUPSI researchers involved in collaborations with external partners. Management of project teams and relations with project partners. Teaching mathematical courses and preparation of teaching material. Supervision of bachelor and master

students.

Previous positions

Dates September 2017 – December 2019

Position Researcher and Lecturer at IDSIA, "Dalle Molle" Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Dates February 2015 – August 2017

Position Researcher at IDSIA, "Dalle Molle" Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Name of organization Department of Innovative Technologies - SUPSI, University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland

Duties Research in the field of Bayesian networks and Bayesian hierarchical models. Development and software implementation of approximate inference methods. Management of team work and relations with project

partners. Teaching activities.

Dates January 2014 – January 2015

Position Research Specialist Engineer at MOXOFF srl, Milano, Italy

Duties Development and software implementation of mathematical and computational methods for data analysis, signal processing and task optimization for customers in different business areas, including electronics,

biomedicine, automotive, transport, ecology. Management of team work and relations with clients, includ-

ing formulation of commercial offers and technical meetings.

Dates January 2013 – January 2014

Position Post-doctoral fellowship researcher at MOX – Department of Mathematics, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Research project "Advanced statistical and numerical models and methods for the analysis of functional and spatial data,

with applications in life sciences and engineering"

Duties Research in the field of non-parametric surface estimation methods and numerical optimization of partial

differential equations, in particular development of numerical methods for data assimilation in boundary value problems. Software implementation and application to relevant biomedical studies. Study of the random properties, such as accuracy and precision, of estimated stochastic fields. Divulgation of results

by public keynotes at international conferences and by technical, peer-reviewed publications.

Teaching

Position Lecturer, Calculus (Autumn and Spring semesters) for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (English

course) and Engineering at SUPSI

Dates September 2017 – June 2022

Duties Teaching theoretical and practical lessons. Preparation of teaching material, including formulation of ex-

ercises and preparation of solutions. Preparation, correction of exams and preparation of solutions as teaching material. Introduction of bi-weekly online quizzes in the iCorsi platform as diagnostic evaluation and teaching material; creation and implementation and debugging of questions and quizzes. Introduction of innovative teaching methods and test of their effectiveness by means of a design of experiment (and subsequent analysis). Support of the module responsible in adapting course contents and in accomplish-

ing organizational duties.

Position Lecturer, Pre-calculus (Autumn Semester) and Calculus (Spring Semester) for Engineering at SUPSI

Dates September 2015 – June 2017

Duties Teaching lessons and exercise lessons. Preparation of teaching material, including formulation of exer-

cises. Preparation and correction of exams. Introduction of innovative teaching methods, e.g., adaptive

online quizzes.

Position Lecturer, Machine Learning - Workshop on Data Mining and Big Data in collaboration with Fondazione

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Dates 20 May 2016

Position Lecturer, Data Mining for Business Intelligence for Management Engineering at SUPSI

Dates September 2015 – February 2016

Duties Teaching theoretical and practical lessons. Definition of detailed course program. Preparation of teaching

material, including preparation of slides, formulation of exercises, preparation and correction of exams.

Position Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Mechanical Engineering (English language) and Energy Engineering

at Politecnico di Milano

Dates March – July 2011 and 2013

Duties Teaching exercise and laboratory lessons. Preparation of teaching material, including formulation of exer-

cises and preparation of exams.

Education

Dates September 2017 - June 2019

Name and type of organization SUPSI, University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland

Title of qualification awarded **Teaching qualification**, Certificate for Advanced Studies in Teaching.

Dates January 2010 – December 2012

Name and type of organization Politecnico di Milano

Title of qualification awarded PhD in Mathematical Models and Methods in Engineering

Grade Doctor Europaeus certification with merit.

Title of Thesis "Blood flow velocity field estimation via spatial regression with PDE penalization"

http://hdl.handle.net/10589/76565

Dates September 2007 – December 2009

Name and type of organization Politecnico di Milano

Title of qualification awarded Master's Degree in Mathematical Engineering, Specialization Scientific Computing and Statistics.

Grade 110/110 cum laude.

Title of Thesis "Modelli a effetti misti: teoria e applicazioni a dati longitudinali in ambito biologico" ("Mixed effects models:

theory and applications to longitudinal biological data")

Thesis developed at the Laboratory of Modeling and Scientific Computing (MOX) of the Department of Mathematics - Politecnico di Milano in collaboration with San Raffaele Hospital, Milano

Dates September 2004 - September 2007

Name and type of organization Politecnico di Milano

Title of qualification awarded Bachelor's Degree in Mathematical Engineering, Specialization Scientific Computing.

> Grade 110/110 cum laude.

Title of Thesis "Sistemi di urne interagenti e teoria dei valori estremi applicati alla modellizzazione della crescita tumorale:

teoria e simulazioni" ("Interacting urn systems and extreme value theory for modeling tumor growth: theory

and simulations")

1999-2004 Dates

Name and type of organization Liceo Scientifico Arturo Tosi, linguistic specialization, Busto Arsizio

Title of qualification awarded Maturità Scientifica. 100/100 cum laude

Grade

Internship

2012-2013 Four-month internship in the "Scientific computing and uncertainty quantification" group (prof. Fabio No-

bile), Department of Mathematics, EPFL, Lausanne.

Research Topics

current Probabilistic graphical models, hierarchical Bayesian models, federated learning, physics-informed ma-

chine learning, variational inference, machine learning for personalised medicine.

Mathematical and statistical modelling, analysis of complex and high dimensional data, spatial statistics, past analysis of repeated measures and longitudinal data, non parametric statistics, scientific computing, Finite Elements computing, data assimilation, inverse problems, PDE optimal theory, parallel computing.

Indexed scientific publications

2022 - L. Azzimonti, G. Corani, M. Scutari: "A Bayesian Hierarchical score for structure learning from related data sets." International Journal of Approximate Reasoning, col. 142, 248-265, 2022.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijar.2021.11.013

- G. Delfanti, F. Cortesi, A. Perini, G. Antonini, L. Azzimonti, C. de Lalla, C. Garavaglia, M.L. Squadrito, M. Fedeli, M. Consonni, S. Sesana, F. Re, H., Shen, P. Dellabona, G. Casorati: "TCR-engineered iNKT cells induce robust antitumor response by dual targeting cancer and suppressive myeloid cells." Science immunology, 7(74), eabn6563, 2022. https://doi.org/10.1126/sciimmunol.abn6563

- D. Ravasi, F. Mangili, D. Huber, L. Azzimonti, L. Engeler, N. Vermes, G. Del Rio, V. Guidi, M. Tonolla, E. Flacio: "Risk-Based Mapping Tools for Surveillance and Control of the Invasive Mosquito Aedes albopictus in Switzerland." International journal of environmental research and public health, 19(6), 3220, 2022. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19063220

2021

- P. Berjano, F. Langella, L. Ventriglia, D. Compagnone, P. Barletta, D. Huber, F. Mangili, G. Licandro, F. Galbusera, A. Cina, T. Bassani, C. Lamartina, L. Scaramuzzo, R. Bassani, M. Brayda-Bruno, J.H. Villafañe, L. Monti, L. Azzimonti: "The Influence of Baseline Clinical Status and Surgical Strategy on Early Good to Excellent Result in Spinal Lumbar Arthrodesis: A Machine Learning Approach." Journal of Personalised Medicine, vol. 11(12):1377, 2021. https://doi.org/10.3390/jpm11121377

- F. Bini, A. Pica, L. Azzimonti, A. Giusti, L. Ruinelli, F. Marinozzi, P. Trimboli: "Artificial intelligence in thyroid field. A comprehensive review." Cancers, vol. 13(19), 2021.

https://www.mdpi.com/2072-6694/13/19/4740

2019 - K. Sechidis, L. Azzimonti, A. Pocock, G. Corani, A. Weatherall, G. Brown: "Efficient feature selection using shrinkage estimators", Machine Learning Journal, vol. 108, 1261-1286, 2019.

https://doi.org/10.1007/s10994-019-05795-1

- L. Azzimonti, G. Corani, M. Zaffalon: "Hierarchical estimation of parameters in Bayesian networks", Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, vol. 137, 67-91, 2019. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.csda.2019.02.004 E. Arnone, L. Azzimonti, F. Nobile, L.M. Sangalli: "Modeling spatially dependent functional data via regression with differential regularization", Journal of Multivariate Analysis, vol. 170, 275 295, 2019. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmva.2018.09.006
- F. Gorini, L. Azzimonti, G. Delfanti, L. Scarfó, C. Scielzo, M.T. Bertilaccio, P. Ranghetti, A. Gulino, C. Doglioni, A. Di Napoli, M. Capri, C. Franceschi, F. Calligaris-Cappio, P. Ghia, M. Bellone, P. Dellabona, G. Casorati, C. de Lalla: "Invariant NKT cells contribute to Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia surveillance and prognosis", Blood, vol. 129, no. 26, 3440-3451, 2017. http://www.bloodjournal.org/content/129/26/3440
 C. Cruder, D. Falla, F. Mangili, L. Azzimonti, L.S. Araùjo, A. Williamon, M. Barbero: "Profiling the location and extent of musicians' pain using digital pain drawings", Pain Practice, 2017. http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/papr.12581
- B. Guerciotti, C. Vergara, L. Azzimonti, L. Forzenigo, A. Buora, P. Biondetti, M. Domanin: "Computational study of the fluid-dynamics in carotids before and after endarterectomy", Journal of Biomechanics, vol. 49, 26–38, 2016. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbiomech.2015.11.009
- L. Azzimonti, L.M. Sangalli, P. Secchi, M. Domanin, F. Nobile: "Blood flow velocity field estimation via spatial regression with PDE penalization", Journal of the American Statistical Association, Theory and Methods Section, vol. 110, no. 511, 1057–1071, 2015.
 http://amstat.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01621459.2014.946036
- L. Azzimonti, F. Nobile, L.M. Sangalli, P. Secchi: "Mixed finite elements for spatial regression with PDE penalization", SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification, vol. 2, 305–335, 2014.
 http://epubs.siam.org/doi/abs/10.1137/130925426
 - L. Azzimonti, M.A. Cremona, A. Ghiglietti, F. Ieva, A. Menafoglio, A. Pini, P. Zanini: "BARCAMP: Technology Foresights and Statistics for the Future" in "Advances in Complex Data Modeling and Computational Methods in Statistics Contributions to Statistics", Springer, eds: A.M. Paganoni, P. Secchi, 53–67, 2014.
- 2013 L. Azzimonti, F. Ieva, A.M. Paganoni: "A new unsupervised classification technique through nonlinear non parametric mixed effects models" in "Complex Models and Computational Methods in Statistics Contributions to Statistics", Springer, eds: Grigoletto, Lisi, Petrone, 1–11, 2013
 - L. Azzimonti, F. Ieva, A.M. Paganoni: "Nonlinear nonparametric mixed-effects models for unsupervised classification", Computational Statistics, vol. 28, no. 4, 1549–1570, 2013 http://www.springerlink.com/content/5243v4w550168827/
- C. de Lalla, A. Rinaldi, D. Montagna, L. Azzimonti, M.E. Bernardo, L.M. Sangalli, A.M. Paganoni, R. Maccario, A. Di Cesare-Merlone, M. Zecca, F. Locatelli, P. Dellabona, G. Casorati: "Invariant Natural Killer T-cell reconstitution in pediatric leukemia patients given HLA-haploidentical stem cell transplantation defines distinct CD4+ and CD4- subset dynamics and associates with the remission state", The Journal of Immunology, vol. 186, no. 7, 4490–4499, 2011, http://www.jimmunol.org/content/186/7/4490

Refereed conference proceedings

- M. Scutari, C. Marquis, L. Azzimonti: "Using mixed-effects models to learn Bayesian networks from related data sets", Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Probabilistic Graphical Models, PMLR, 186, 73-84, 2022. http://proceedings.mlr.press/v186/scutari22a.html
- L. Azzimonti, G. Corani, M. Scutari: "Structure learning from related data sets with a hierarchical Bayesian score", Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Probabilistic Graphical Models, PMLR, 138, 5-16, 2020. http://proceedings.mlr.press/v138/azzimonti20a.html
- L. Azzimonti, G. Corani, M. Zaffalon: "Hierarchical Multinomial-Dirichlet model for the estimation of conditional probability tables", IEEE 17th International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2017. https://doi.org/10.1109/ICDM.2017.85
 - E. Arnone, L. Azzimonti, F. Nobile, L. Sangalli: "A time-dependent PDE regularization to model functional data defined over spatio-temporal domains" in "Functional Statistics and Related Fields", Springer International Publishing, eds: G. Aneiros, E.G. Bongiorno, R. Cao, P. Vieu, 41–44, 2017. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-55846-2 6

- L. Azzimonti, L.M. Sangalli, P. Secchi: "Modeling prior knowledge on complex phenomena behaviors via partial differential equations", Proceedings of the 47th Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society 2014, Cagliari, June 11-13, 2014, http://www2.mate.polimi.it/ocs/viewpaper.php?id=403&cf=33
- L. Azzimonti, L.M. Sangalli, P. Secchi: "Spatial regression with PDE penalization: an application to blood velocity field estimation", Proceedings of the 8th conference on statistical computation and complex systems, Milano, September 9-11, 2012, http://www2.mate.polimi.it/ocs/viewpaper.php?id=403&cf=33
- L. Azzimonti, L.M. Sangalli, P. Secchi, M. Domanin: "PDE penalization for spatial fields smoothing",
 Proceedings of the 46th Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society 2012, Rome, June 20-22,
 2012, http://meetings.sis-statistica.org/index.php/sm/sm2012/paper/view/1962
- L. Azzimonti, F. Ieva, A.M. Paganoni: "A new unsupervised classification algorithm for nonlinear non parametric mixed effects models", Proceedings of the 7th conference on statistical computation and complex systems, Padova, September 19-21, 2011, http://homes.stat.unipd.it/mgri/SCo2011/Papers/CS/CS-8/azzimonti_ieva_paganoni.pdf
 - L. Azzimonti, M. Domanin, L.M. Sangalli, P. Secchi: "Surface estimation via spatial spline models with PDE penalization", Proceedings of the 7th conference on statistical computation and complex systems, Padova, September 19-21, 2011, http:// homes.stat.unipd.it/mgri/SCo2011/Papers/CS/CS-3/azzimonti_domanin_sangalli_secchi.pdf
- L. Azzimonti, C. de Lalla, D. Montagna, A.M. Paganoni, L.M. Sangalli: "Mixed-effects models for growth curves: an application to the study of reconstitution kinetics of lymphocyte subpopulations", Proceedings of the 45th Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society 2010, Padova, June 16-18, 2010, http://homes.stat.unipd.it/mgri/SIS2010/Program/contributedpaper/647-1344-1-DR.pdf

Speeches and presentations at conferences and workshops

2010-2017

- 20 speeches and presentations during national and international conferences and workshops including:
- "Structure learning from related data sets with a hierarchical Bayesian score", 10th International Conference on Probabilistic Graphical Models, 2020, Aalborg, Denmark
- "Hierarchical Multinomial-Dirichlet model for the estimation of conditional probability tables", IEEE 17th International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2017, New Orleans
- "Spatial regression with PDE penalization", International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics invited session, London
- "Mixed Finite Elements for spatial regression with PDE penalization", European Numerical Mathematics and Advanced Applications Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland
- "PDE regularized blood velocity estimation", High Dimensional and Dependent Functional Data Conference, Bristol, United Kingdom
- "PDE penalized statistical estimation of blood flow velocity profiles", 11th Conference of the Italian Society for Applied and Industrial Mathematics invited session, Torino, Italy
- "Non parametric estimation in nonlinear mixed-effects models for unsupervised classification", 31st Conference of Applied Statistics in Ireland, Galway, Ireland.

Full details available under request.

Responsibility in the research structure

2021-2022

- **Responsible** of the collaboration with Ente Ospedaliere Cantonale (EOC). Project acquisition, financial and administrative management, coordination of SUPSI researchers involved in the collaboration, supervision of sub-projects and communication responsible with partners.

2020-2022

- **Responsible** of the collaboration with a Swiss financial institute. Project acquisition, financial and administrative management, coordination of SUPSI researchers involved in the collaboration, supervision of sub-projects and communication responsible with partners.

2019-2020

- **Organizational manager** of the collaboration with a Swiss financial institute. Coordination of a group of 20 SUPSI researchers involved in the collaboration within 6 sub-projects. Supervision of the sub-projects' status and management of the sub-projects' leaders. Interface and communication responsible with partners.

Project management and acquisition

2023-2025

- Acquisition and principal investigator of the Horizon Europe project "PRAESIIDIUM: Physics informed machine learning-based prediction and reversion of impaired fasting glucose management", in collaboration with Spindox and a consortium of international hospitals and companies. Coordination of two post-Doc researchers and a computer scientist. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.

2023-2024

- **Acquisition and principal investigator** of the Innosuisse project "Early identification of ventilator associated pneumonia using machine learning techniques: a prospective cohort study", in collaboration with EOC. Coordination of a post-Doc researcher and a computer scientist. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.

2022-2025

- **Acquisition and principal investigator** of the Innosuisse Flagship project "SPEARHEAD: SwissPandemic&AmR-Health Economy Awareness Detect", in collaboration with Innovation Office University Basel and a consortium of Swiss hospitals and companies. Coordination of a post-Doc researcher and a computer scientist. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.

2022

- **Acquisition and supervision** of the project "CLIER single Cell-Level Information ExtractoR' follow up", in collaboration with EOC. Coordination of a post-Doc researcher and a computer scientist. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.
- **Acquisition** of the consultancy project "Artificial intelligence for personalised medicine", in collaboration with EOC. Definition of activities, priorities, proposal writing and explorative analyses. Relation with partners and communication of results.

2021

- Manager and principal investigator of the project "CLIER single Cell-Level Information ExtractoR", in collaboration with EOC. Coordination of a post-Doc researcher and a computer scientist. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.
- **Principal investigator** of the project "Life-ON analysis of perinatal depression", in collaboration with EOC. Coordination of a post-Doc researcher. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.
- Responsible for the statistical analysis within the project "Tumour growth" in collaboration with San Raffaele Hospital in Milan.
- **Responsible for the statistical analysis** within the project "Anesthes-Al Papaya" in collaboration with Inselspital, Bern.
- **Manager and principal investigator** of the project "SpineReg", in collaboration with Galeazzi Hospital in Milan. Definition of work plan, project requirements and budget. Coordination of a post-Doc researcher and a master student. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.

2018-2021

- **Manager and principal investigator** of four projects in collaboration with a Swiss financial institute. Definition of work plans, project requirements and budget. Coordination of post-Doc researchers and computer scientists. Definition of activities, priorities and resources allocation. Relation with partners and communication of results.

2018

- **Applicant and co-investigator** of the project "ALBIS: A new integrated system for risk-based surveillance of invasive mosquito Aedes albopictus in Switzerland", funded by SUPSI. Coordination of two SUPSI computer scientists.

2016-2018

- **Co-investigator** of the project "Statistical learning and inference on big data with probabilistic graphical models", funded by SNSF - Swiss National Science Foundation. Research in the field of Bayesian networks and Bayesian hierarchical models. Development and software implementation of approximate inference methods. Communication of scientific results by writing journal papers and participating to international conferences.

2016

- **Manager and principal investigator** of the project "Analytics", in collaboration with Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale. Definition of work plan and coordination of a computer scientist.
- Manager and principal investigator of the project "Data mining for public statistics", in collaboration with Ustat, Statistical office of Canton Ticino. Definition of work plan and coordination of a PhD student.

2015

- Manager and principal investigator of the project "Support for the master plan development", in collaboration with EOC, Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale. Definition of work plan and coordination of a computer scientist.
- **Manager and principal investigator** of the project "Climate change impact on debris flow hazard in Ticino region", in collaboration with IFEC ingegneria SA.

2014

- **Responsible for the statistical analysis** within the project "Study of Chronic Lymphocitic Leukemia" in collaboration with DIBIT San Raffaele Hospital in Milan.
- Manager and principal investigator of the projects "Workforce management optimization for car parking companies", "Customer intelligence for automotive companies" and "Mathematical models for food safety". Definition of work plans, project requirements and budget. Coordination of 2 software programmers.

2013

- **Co-responsible for the organization** of the BarCamp "Technology foresight and statistics for the future" during Sco 2013 conference at Politecnico di Milano.

2011 - 2013

- Co-investigator of the FIRB "Futuro in Ricerca" project "Advanced statistical and numerical methods for the analysis of high dimensional functional data in life sciences and engineering", funded by MIUR Ministero dell'Istruzione dell'Università e della Ricerca and co-investigator of the PRIN project "Advanced numerical methods and applications for scientific computing", funded by MIUR Ministero Italiano dell'Istruzione dell'Università e della Ricerca.

2008 - 2013

- Co-responsible for the statistical analysis within the projects: "MACAREN@MOX" (Mathematics for Catorid Endarterectomy) in collaboration with U.O. di Chirurgia Vascolare Fondazione I.R.C.C.S. Ca' Granda Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milano and Dip. di Scienze Chirurgiche Specialistiche, Università di Milano, "iNKT cell reconstitution" in collaboration with DIBIT - San Raffaele Hospital in Milan, "Cytotoxic treatment for rectal cancer" in collaboration with San Raffaele Hospital in Milan and "Equine growth Hormone" in collaboration with the Veterinary Medicine Dep. - Università degli Studi di Milano.

Other academic activities

Tutoring for thesis

- **Bachelor's Degree** in Computer Science Engineering, SUPSI, "Software development for hierarchical Bayesian networks learning", December, 2020.
- **Bachelor's Degree** in Computer Science Engineering, SUPSI, "Bayesian neural networks", September, 2019.
- **Master's Degree** in Mathematical Engineering, Politecnico di Milano, "Analysis of Doppler blood flow velocity in carotid arteries for the detection of atherosclerotic plaques", October, 2011.
- **Bachelor's Degree** in Mathematical Engineering, Politecnico di Milano, "Metodi numerici per stime di massima verosimiglianza" ("Numerical methods for maximum likelihood estimates"), December, 2012.

Tutoring for projects

- Internship for Mathematical Engineering, EPFL, "Relaxing hierarchical Bayesian networks", 2021.
- Internship for Mathematical Engineering, EPFL, "Mixed effects Bayesian networks", 2021.
- Master project for MSE Intelligent Systems, SUPSI, "Analysis of the SpineReg dataset", 2020.
- **Master project** for MSE Intelligent Systems, SUPSI, "Integration of weather forecast data for predicting invasive mosquito presence", 2019.
- Master project for MSE Intelligent Systems, SUPSI, "Hierarchical Bayesian Networks", October, 2018.

Membership

- Member of the board for the "Bachelor in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence", 2021.
- Member of the program committee for the workshop "PharML" at ECML PKDD conference, 2021.

Social activities

- Participation to events dedicated to promotion of science for women as SUPSI delegate, "L'ora del te", Bellinzona, November, 2018.

Awards and grants

Best Graduate Student Prize of the Academic year 2008-2009 for the Master Degree in Mathematical Engineering at Politecnico di Milano, Italy, April 20, 2011.

Best Graduate Student Prize of the Academic year 2006-2007 for the Bachelor's Degree in Mathematical Engineering at Politecnico di Milano, Italy, March 12, 2009.

Grant for early career researchers for the attendance of the school "Statistical Modeling for Biological and Environmental Systems" in Venice, Italy, funded by CRiSM - Statistical Department of the University of Warwick September 12-16, 2011.

Language skills

Mother tongue(s)

Italian

Self-assessment European level

| Understanding | | | | Speaking | | | | Writing | |
|---------------|---------------------|----|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----|-------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Listening | | | Reading | | Spoken interaction | | Spoken production | | |
| C1 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user |
| B2 | Independent user | B2 | Independent user | B2 | Independent user | B2 | Independent user | B1 | Independent user |
| A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user |

Certificates

English

French

German

English: TOEFL (240/300)

Computer and programming skills

Extensive knowledge of R (statistical data analysis), Matlab, Octave (mathematical programming) and FreeFem++ (Finite Element programming language). Good C++, Python, stan and Latex programming skills. Extensive knowledge of Finite Element programming and good knowledge of parallel computing. Proficient user of Mac OSX and Windows XP, Vista, 7. Good knowledge of command-line Unix. Proficient user of the Microsoft Office suite of programs. Basic knowledge of WinBUGS, HTML, SQL.

Management skills

Project management, team building, communication, customer orientation, relationship management.

For further information visit the website http://people.idsia.ch/~laura.azzimonti/