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EMPLOYMENT

EMBO FELLOW POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

2022-PRESENT

University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Project: Cell Wall Integrity Sensing and its Feedback on Cell Wall Composition in Plants *Advisors:* Prof. Staffan Persson, Prof. Jürgen Kleine-Vehn

EDUCATION

PhD, Plant Physiology

2017-2022

Stockholms Universitet, Sweden

Project: Functional and Genetic Analysis of Laccase Isoforms during Lignification

Supervisor: Dr. Edouard Pesquet

Co-Supervisors: Prof. Vincent Bulone, Prof. Jonas Gunnarsson

Examination committee: Dr. Richard Sibout (opponent), Prof. Martin Lawoko, Dr. Anna

Kärkönen, Prof. Igor Cesarino, Prof. Geoffrey Daniel, Dr. Mika Sipponen

LICENTIATE, PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

2017-2020

Stockholms Universitet, Sweden

Project: Cellular Lignin Distribution Patterns and their Physiological Relevance

Supervisor: Dr. Edouard Pesquet

Co-Supervisors: Prof. Vincent Bulone, Prof. Jonas Gunnarsson

Examination Committee: Dr. András Gorzsás (opponent), Dr. Annelie Carlsbecker, Prof.

Ulla Westermark

MASTER OF SCIENCE, GENETIC AND MOLECULAR PLANT BIOLOGY

2015-2017

Uppsala Universitet, Sweden

Thesis: Distinct Roles of Laccase Isoforms During Lignification in A. thaliana

Supervisor: Dr. Edouard Pesquet

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY

2012-2015

Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald, Germany

Thesis: Plasma Membrane-Bound Proteases in the Roots of H. vulgare

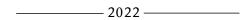
Supervisor: Prof. Christine Stöhr

Publications	

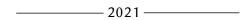
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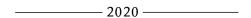
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Blaschek L, Pesquet E (2021). Phenoloxidases in Plants—How Structural Diversity Enables Functional Specificity. *Front. Plant Sci.* 12, 2183. 10.3389/fpls.2021.754601



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Blaschek L[†], Nuoendagula[†], Bacsik Z, Kajita S, Pesquet E (2020). Determining the Genetic Regulation and Coordination of Lignification in Stem Tissues of *Arabidopsis* Using Semiquantitative Raman Microspectroscopy. *ACS Sustain. Chem. Eng.* 8, 4900–4909. 10.1021/acssuschemeng.0c00194

Blaschek L, Champagne A, Dimotakis C, Nuoendagula, Decou R, Hishiyama S, Kratzer S, Kajita S, Pesquet E (2020). Cellular and Genetic Regulation of Coniferaldehyde Incorporation in Lignin of Herbaceous and Woody Plants Using Quantitative Wiesner Staining. *Front. Plant Sci.* 11, 109. 10.3389/fpls.2020.00109

PRESENTATIONS

Blaschek L (2021, selected talk). Laccase paralogs non-redundantly direct lignification. *ASPB Plant Biology 2021*, online.

Blaschek L (2021, selected talk). Specific and dynamic lignification at the cell-type level controls plant physiology and adaptability. *SEB 2021 Annual Conference*, online. — link to recording

Blaschek L (2021, selected talk). Laccase paralogs non-redundantly direct lignification. *SEB* 2021 Annual Conference, online.

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Blaschek L (2021, selected talk). Laccase paralogs non-redundantly direct lignification. 7th *International Conference on Plant Cell Wall Biology,* online. — link to recording

Blaschek L (2019, selected talk). The structural importance of lignin in xylem vessels. *3rd Stockholm Cell Wall Meeting*, Stockholm University, Stockholm.

Blaschek L (2019, selected talk). Spatial distribution of coniferaldehyde lignin. 28th Congress of the Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society, Umeå.

Blaschek L (2018, selected talk). Determining the spatial distribution of aldehyde units in lignin. *2nd Stockholm Cell Wall Meeting*, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Blaschek L (2023). Freiburg Rising Stars Academy, cohort 2023/24.

Blaschek L (2023). Groupe Polyphénols Ragaï Ibrahim prize at the *31st International Conference on Polyphenols*.

Blaschek L (2022). EMBO Postdoc fellowship ALTF 37-2022. *Cell wall integrity sensing and its feedback on cell wall composition in plants.* Hosted by Staffan Persson in Copenhagen and Jürgen Kleine-Vehn in Freiburg.

Blaschek L (2021). Best student presentation award at the 7th International Conference on Plant Cell Wall Biology.

Blaschek L (2019). Travel grant of the Department of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, Stockholm University to attend the 28th Congress of the Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society.

Blaschek L, Pesquet E (2018). Kungliga Vetenskapsakademien Scholarship BS2018-0061.

EXPERTISE

WET LAB

- cloning (Gibson, GoldenGate, Gateway, TA)
- plant histology and histochemistry
- *in vitro* plant systems (cell suspension cultures, seedlings, saplings)
- plant phenotyping, transformation & crossing (Arabidopsis, Populus, Zinnia)
- protein biochemistry (expression, purification, Western blotting, activity assays)
- RT-qPCR
- · targeted mutagenesis and gene editing
- quantitative bright field, fluorescence and vibrational micro(spectro)scopy

Dry Lab

- automated image analysis (Python, ImageJ)
- data analysis and visualisation (R, Python, bash)
- · molecular phylogenetics
- · protein homology modelling
- reproducible reporting (markdown, git)
- text processing (Office, LaTeX)

TEACHING

Getting started with ggplot2. 2023. Independent workshop. *Copenhagen University.*Molecular plant-microbe interactions (MSc level). 2017–2020. Project design and supervision. *Stockholm University.*

Green biotechnology (MSc level). 2018–2021. Project design and supervision. *Stockholm University*.

SERVICE

Departmental data science task force, PLEN, University of Copenhagen	2023-
Departmental equality group, DEEP, Stockholm University	2019-2021
Course representative, ECB, Uppsala University	2015
Student representative on the board, BOT, Greifswald University	2014-2015