# Thomas Wolfe | Curriculum Vitae

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"Change is the only constant" - Heraclitus of Ephesus

# **Education**

University of Vienna / Vienna Graduate School of Population Genetics Ph.D. in Evolutionary Genomics	<b>Austria</b> 2015–present
University of Lausanne Master in Molecular Life Sciences	Switzerland 2014–2015
University of Lausanne Bachelor in Biology	Switzerland 2010–2014
<b>EPFL</b> First year Mathematics	Switzerland 2008–2010
Chamblandes High School, Mathematics-Physics optional line	Switzerland 2005–2008
Mèzières Secondary School	Switzerland 2000–2005

## **Doctoral Project**

Working Title: Dactylorhiza Allopolyploidization, from Ecological Differentiation to Molecular Evolution

Supervisors: Prof. Ovidiu Paun, Prof. Claus Vogl & Prof. Christian Lexer

**Description**: This project explores the ecological relevance of polyploidy in natural wild Orchid populations. We are using state-of-the-art transcriptomics (RNA-seq) data to assess these questions.

## **Masters Thesis**

**Title**: The long term effect of polyploidisation on transposable element activity.

Supervisors: Prof. Marc Robinson-Rechavi & Dr. Sacha Laurent

**Description**: This thesis explored the idea that transposable element activity could be higher in polyploids.

## **Publications**

Balao, F. et al. Adaptive sequence evolution is driven by biotic stress in a pair of orchid species (Dactylorhiza) with distinct ecological optima. Molecular Ecology 26, 3649-3662 (2019).

Wolfe, T. M. et al. Macro-and microevolutionary drivers of divergent evolution in two sibling allopolyploid Dactylorhiza. Draft, intended for PNAS (2019).

Wolfe, T. M. et al. Patterns of homoeolog biases and expression level dominance and their evolutionary implication between two sibling polyploid orchids. Draft and results, intended for Molecular Biology and Evolution (2019).

## **Experience**

Academic...

## University of Lausanne

Switzerland

Worked for Prof. Hardtke's lab

2012-2013

Our project was aimed at classify root meristems of Arabidopisis cotyledons using a cross entropy method. My supervisors were Dr. L.Santuari and Dr. E.Scacchi.

#### Detailed achievements:

- Learned how to work in a collaborative scientific group
  - Communication
  - Assessing feasibility
  - Implementing new ideas
    - What biological data is needed
    - · What statistical methods are appropriate
- O Do not reinvent the wheel!

Miscellaneous.....

**JOWA Ecublens** Baker, Switzerland 2014-2015

This factory produces the bread for Migros all around Switzerland. Night shifts in industry.

**Globus** Lausanne

Security guard, Switzerland

2010-2011

I was employed to make sure no items would leave the shop without having been paid. This job involved some diplomacy.

Manor Lausanne

Logistics, Switzerland

2006-2008

My Job was to load & unload the merchandise coming in and going out of the store. Responsible for bringing merchandise to the five floors of the shop.

#### **Various**

Watch mechanic, Switzerland

2002-2004

Many monthly work experiences in the fields of watch making & mechanics. These were done to sensitize young people to there interests for later apprenticeships.

# Computer skills

Basic: Lisp

Intermediate: C/C++

Advanced: Bash scripting, R, PYTHON, Golang, LATEX

#### **Communication Skills**

2018-Sep: Oral Presentation at GFÖ - Vienna, Austria

2018-Aug: Poster at II Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology - Montpellier, France

2017-Oct: Poster at Plant Genome Evolution - Barcelona, Spain

2017-Sep: Poster at Plant Epigentics - Vienna, Austria

2017-Jun: Oral Presentation at Botany - Fort Worth, Texas

2017-Jan: Oral Presentation at PopGroup - Cambridge, UK

2016-Mai: Oral Presentation at the International Conference on Polyploidy - Rovinj, Croatia

# **Courses and workshops**

2016-Dec: Inferring Natural Selection using Genomic Data - Ferrara, Italy

2015-Aug: Genetic data analysis in R - Glasgow, Scotland

## Languages

English:MothertongueFather's languageFrench:MothertongueMother's languageGerman:IntermediateDaily usageItalian:IntermediateLearned at schoolSerbian:BasicBasic words and phrases

### **Interests**

- Clarinet/Saxophone - Music

- Chess - Reading

- Traveling - Rugby