

Cristina Miceli CV

Education:

1979, degree in Biological Sciences, University of Pisa. 1979-1983, PhD research fellowship University of Pisa.

Professional history:

1983-1987, Researcher, University of Camerino;

1987-1993, Associate professor of Zoology, University of Camerino;

1993-present, Full professor of Cell Biology, University of Camerino, School of Biosciences and Veterinary Medicine, Dept. of Biosciences and Biotechnology (formerly Department of Molecular, Cellular and Animal biology).

Scientific activities:

Research activities are mainly focused on molecular and cellular biology using eukaryotic microorganisms, as models. The research fields are the following:

-Study of genome organization and control of gene expression;

-Study of molecular and cellular adaptation mechanisms in organisms living in extreme environments;

-Characterization and molecular evolution of cytoskeletal proteins, in particular tubulin and microtubule associated proteins;

-Characterization of bioindicators in environmental monitoring by classical and biotechnological approaches.

Visiting researcher at the University of California, Santa Barbara and Irvine;

Chairman and Invited speaker at several International Congresses of Protozoology, Gordon Conferences and FASEB Meetings on "Molecular Biology of Ciliates" ;Co-organizer of the 4th European Congress of and 10 European Conference on Ciliate Biology; Co-organizer of the FASEB Conference on "Molecular Biology of Ciliates"(August 3-8, 2005), also sponsored by EMBO; member of the Scientific Committee of the XII International Congress of Protozoology (July 10-15 2008, Guangzhou, China);

1990-1994, 2001-2011 and 2018 to present, Member of the executive committee of the Italian Society of Protozoology;

1994-1996, Vice-President of the International Society of Protozoology (ISOP); member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology;

Principal grant sources of the last years: PRIN from Italian Ministry of education and research(Research programs of national interest) 2004-2006, 2006-2008, 2008-2012;

CNR (applied project on Environmental Biotechnology, finished in 2004);

National Research Project for Antarctica (Genomics and Proteomics of ciliates 2006-2010);

Scientific coordinator of a grant from EU-COST(European cooperation in Science and Technology): COST Action BM1102 Ciliates as model systems to study genome evolution, mechanisms of non-Mendelian inheritance, and their roles in environmental adaptation (2012-2016);
Principal investigator in a research project funded by The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to accelerate development of experimental model systems in marine microbial ecology(<https://www.moore.org/newsroom/press-releases>) with title: Development of new tools in genetic manipulation of Euplotes (2016-2018).

Editorial work:

Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology;
Associate Editor of BMC Genomics in the section on Eukaryote Microbial Genomics.
Reviewer for many international journals.

Academic activities and responsibilities:

- ProRector for Doctoral Education, implementation of Bologna Process and interaction with the European University Association (EUA) and the International Association of Universities (IAU) from 2008 to 2011;
- Director of the School of Advanced Studies of the University of Camerino, that includes PhD and master programs, from 2005 to December 2014;
- Coordinator of the Doctorate course (Ph.D.) in Environmental Sciences and Public Health from 2004 to December 2014;
- Rector's delegate at the Conference of the Italian University Rectors (CRUI) for the Implementation of the Bologna Process from 2007 to present;
- Responsible for the internationalization of the degree course in Biotechnology from 2005 to 2011 in the former Faculty of Science and Technology and successively in the School of Biosciences and Biotechnology;
- Rector's delegate for the System of Internal Quality Assurance of the University of Camerino from 2000 to 2007;
- Delegate for the University of Camerino in the Quality Culture Project Round III organized by the EUA in 2004-06;
- Coordinator of the activities of the University of Camerino in the national project CampusOne by CRUI from 2001 to 2004.

Teaching and Education Activities at the University of Camerino and abroad:

Teaching course on Cell Biology and Biotechnology in the Bachelor Degree in Biosciences and Biotechnology
Teaching course on Genomics and proteomics in the Master Degree Course In Biological Sciences
Teaching course on General Biology and Histology and Cell Biology and Biotechnology at the Jilin Agricultural University, Changchun, China (double degree with the University of Camerino in Biotechnology)

Supervision of many Doctoral and Master thesis.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE LAST 5 YEARS

Genome-wide association study identifies candidate genes related to oleic acid content in soybean seeds.

Liu X, Qin D, Piersanti A, Zhang Q, Miceli C, Wang P. **BMC Plant Biol.** 2020 Aug 28;20(1):399. doi: 10.1186/s12870-020-02607-w.

Trypanosoma, Paramecium and Tetrahymena: From genomics to flagellar and ciliary structures and cytoskeleton dynamics.

Soares H, Sunter JD, Wloga D, Joachimiak E, Miceli C. **Eur J Protistol.** 2020 Jun 10;76:125722. doi: 10.1016/j.ejop.2020.125722.

Protistological science dissemination.

Buonanno F, Dolan JR, Esteban GF, Hines HN, Kamra K, Kosakyan A, Miceli C, Samaritani E, Vannini C, Warren A. **Eur J Protistol.** 2020 Jul 6;76:125729. doi: 10.1016/j.ejop.2020.125729.

Synthesis of Bioactive Silver Nanoparticles by a *Pseudomonas* Strain Associated with the Antarctic Psychrophilic Protozoon *Euplotes focardii*

Maria Sindhura John, Joseph Amruthraj Nagoth, Kesava Priyan Ramasamy, Alessio Mancini, Gabriele Giuli, Antonino Natalello, Patrizia Ballarini, Cristina Miceli, Sandra Pucciarelli
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Soybean plants expressing the *Bacillus thuringiensis cry8*-like gene show resistance to *Holotrichia parallela*

Di Qin, Xiao-Yi Liu, Cristina Miceli, Qi Zhang, Pi-wu Wang
BMC Biotechnol. 2019; 19: 66. doi: 10.1186/s12896-019-0563-1

Draft Genome Sequence of a New *Pseudomonas* sp. Strain, ef1, Associated with the Psychrophilic Antarctic Ciliate *Euplotes focardii*

Kesava Priyan Ramasamy, Andrea Telatin, Matteo Mozzicafreddo, Cristina Miceli, Sandra Pucciarelli
Microbiol Resour Announc. 2019 Oct; 8(41): e00867-19. doi: 10.1128/MRA.00867-19

Genetic tool development in marine protists: emerging model organisms for experimental cell biology

Drahomíra Faktorová, R. Ellen R. Nisbet, José A. Fernández Robledo, Elena Casacuberta, Lisa Sudek, Andrew E. Allen, Manuel Ares, Jr, Cristina Aresté, Cecilia Balestreri, Adrian C. Barbrook, Patrick Beardslee, Sara Bender, David S. Booth, François-Yves Bouget, Chris Bowler, Susana A. Breglia, Colin Brownlee, Gertraud Burger, Heriberto Cerutti, Rachele Cesaroni, Miguel A. Chiurillo, Thomas Clemente, Duncan B. Coles, Jackie L. Collier, Elizabeth C. Cooney, Kathryn Coyne, Roberto Docampo, Christopher L. Dupont, Virginia Edgcomb, Elin Einarsson, Pía A. Elustondo, Fernan Federici, Veronica Freire-Beneitez, Nastasia J. Freyria, Kodai Fukuda, Paulo A. García, Peter R. Girguis, Fatma Gomaa, Sebastian G. Gornik, Jian Guo, Vladimír Hampl, Yutaka Hanawa, Esteban R. Haro-Contreras, Elisabeth Hehenberger, Andrea Highfield, Yoshihisa Hidakawa, Amanda Hopes, Christopher J. Howe, Ian Hu, Jorge Ibañez, Nicholas A. T. Irwin, Yuu Ishii, Natalia Ewa Janowicz, Adam C. Jones, Ambar Kachale, Konomi Fujimura-Kamada, Binnypreet Kaur, Jonathan Z. Kaye, Eleanna Kazana, Patrick J. Keeling, Nicole King, Lawrence A. Klobutcher, Noelia Lander, Imen

Lassadi, Zhuhong Li, Senjie Lin, Jean-Claude Lozano, Fulei Luan, Shinichiro Maruyama, Tamara Matute, Cristina Miceli, Jun Minagawa, Mark Moosburner, Sebastián R. Najle, Deepak Nanjappa, Isabel C. Nimmo, Luke Noble, Anna M. G. Novák Vanclová, Mariusz Nowacki, Isaac Nuñez, Arnab Pain, Angela Piersanti, Sandra Pucciarelli, Jan Pyrih, Joshua S. Rest, Mariana Rius, Deborah Robertson, Albane Ruaud, Iñaki Ruiz-Trillo, Monika A. Sigg, Pamela A. Silver, Claudio H. Slamovits, G. Jason Smith, Brittany N. Sprecher, Rowena Stern, Estienne C. Swart, Anastasios D. Tsaousis, Lev Tsy-pin, Aaron Turkewitz, Jernej Turnšek, Matus Valach, Valérie Vergé, Peter von Dassow, Tobias von der Haar, Ross F. Waller, Lu Wang, Xiaoxue Wen, Glen Wheeler, April Woods, Huan Zhang, Thomas Mock, Alexandra Z. Worden, Julius Lukeš
Nat Methods. 2020; 17(5): 481–494. doi: 10.1038/s41592-020-0828-6

Horizontal gene transfer and silver nanoparticles production in a new *Marinomonas* strain isolated from the Antarctic psychrophilic ciliate *Euplotes focardii*

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Antarctic marine ciliates under stress: superoxide dismutases from the psychrophilic *Euplotes focardii* are cold-active yet heat tolerant enzymes

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Sci Rep. 2018; 8: 14721. doi: 10.1038/s41598-018-33127-1

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Mechanisms of toxic action of silver nanoparticles in the protozoan *Tetrahymena thermophila*: From gene expression to phenotypic events Juganson, Katre; Mortimer, Monika; Ivask, Angela; Pucciarelli, Sandra; Miceli, Cristina; Orupõld, Kaja; Kahru, Anne **Environmental Pollution;**2017; Vol. 225; Pages:481-489 -489

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Rational engineering of a cold-adapted α -amylase from the Antarctic ciliate *Euplotes focardii* for simultaneous improvement of thermostability and catalytic activity Yang, Guang; Yao, Hua; Mozzicafreddo, Matteo; Ballarini, Patrizia; Pucciarelli, Sandra; Miceli, Cristina **Applied And Environmental Microbiology;**2017; Pages:AEM.00449-17 -

Increased mean aliphatic lipid chain length in left ventricular hypertrophy secondary to arterial hypertension: A cross-sectional study Evaristi, Maria Francesca; Caubère, Céline; Harmancey, Romain; Desmoulin, Franck; Peacock, William Frank; Berry, Matthieu; Turkieh, Annie; Barutaut, Manon; Galinier, Michel; Dambrin, Camille; Polidori, Carlo; Miceli, Cristina; Chamontin, Bernard;

Koukoui, François; Roncalli, Jérôme; Massabuau, Pierre; Smih, Fatima; Rouet, Philippe
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