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CURRENT POSITION

Full Professor
Department of Genetics, University of Córdoba, Spain

DEGREES

1990 Ph.D. Thesis in Biology, University of Basel, Switzerland
1987 Diploma (M.Sc.) in Biology, University of Basel, Switzerland

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2007-11 Associate Professor of Genetics, University of Córdoba
2005-07 Assistant Professor of Genetics, University of Córdoba
2001-05 Junior Professor (Ramón y Cajal Program), University of Córdoba
2000/01 Visiting Scientist (5 months), Novozymes Biotech Inc., Davis, CA, USA
1998-2001 Research Associate/Lecturer in Genetics, University of Córdoba, Spain
1992-98 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Córdoba, Spain
1991-92 Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University, USA
1988 Visiting Fellow (4 months), University of Bari, Italy
1987-90 PhD Student, University of Basel/Ciba-Geigy Ltd, Basel, Switzerland

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 Elected Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology
2013-17 Training Coordinator of European Marie Curie Research Training Network "Sensing and integration of signals governing cell polarity and tropism in fungi" (FUNGIBRAIN), composed by 9 research groups and 3 companies
2009-12 Coordinator of European ERA-NET Pathogenomics Research Network "Transcriptional networks controlling virulence in filamentous fungal pathogens (TRANSPAT), composed by 5 research groups and 2 companies
2006-09 Coordinator of European Marie Curie Research Training Network "MAP kinase cascades controlling virulence in fungi: from signals to pathogenicity response" (SIGNALPATH), composed by 8 research groups and 2 companies
2001 "Ramon y Cajal" Junior Professorship in Molecular Biology, Spanish Ministry of Education and Science
1994 Marie Curie Individual Fellowship from the European Commission
1992 Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science
1991 Swiss National Science Foundation/Ciba-Geigy Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship

SERVICE

2015-2023 Elected Member of the International Fungal Genetics Policy Committee
2013-2017 Secretary of the Filamentous Fungi and Yeast Division, Spanish Society of Microbiology
2016-present Expert Project Evaluator H2020-MSCA-ITN-2016, LIFE Panel.
2011-present Member of the Biotechnology Grant Evaluation Panel, Spanish Ministry of Innovation and Competitivity
2015-present Member of External Expert Review Panel, French Evaluation Agency for Research and Higher Education (ANR)
2000-present Project Evaluator for Research Funding Agencies (U.S. National Science Foundation, Spanish Agencia Nacional de Evaluación y Prospectiva (ANEP), German Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Canadian Research Council, French Agence Nationale de Recherche (ANR), British BBSRC, Dutch Council for Earth and Life Sciences, Austrian Science Fund, Israel Science Foundation,

Swiss Science Foundation, Czech Science Foundation, European Commission, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, among others.
2008-10 Member of the Eukaryotic Division Committee, Society for General Microbiology, UK

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2017-present Editorial Board Member, *MBio*
2007-2017 Associate Editor, *Fungal Genetics and Biology*
2007-2012 Associate Editor, *Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions*
2007-2012 Senior Editor, *Microbiological Research*
2003-2008 Associate Editor, *Molecular Plant Pathology*

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES:

since 1991 International Society of Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions
since 2002 Spanish Society of Microbiology
since 2013 Spanish Society of Genetics

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2019 Invited talk at the 29th Fungal Genetics Conference, Asilomar, CA, US.
2018 Invited talk at the EMBO at Basel Life Conference, Basel, Switzerland
2018 Invited keynote talk at the 14th European Fusarium Seminar, Vienna, Austria
2018 Invited plenary talk at the 14th European Conference on Fungal Genetics, Haifa, Israel
2017 Invited keynote talk at the 12th European Foundation for Plant Pathology Conference, Dunquerque, France
2016 Selected plenary talk at the EMBO Conference on "Experimental approaches to evolution and ecology using yeast and other model systems", Heidelberg, Germany
2016 Invited plenary talk at the Gordon Research Conference on Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Holderness, US
2016 Invited plenary talk at the Royal Society Discussion Meeting: "*Tackling emerging fungal threats to animal health, food security and ecosystem resilience*", London, UK

FULL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

1. Fernandes TR, Sánchez Salvador E, Tapia ÁG, Di Pietro A (2021) Dual-specificity protein phosphatase Msg5 controls cell wall integrity and virulence in *Fusarium oxysporum*. **Fungal Genet Biol** 146:103486.
2. Palmieri D, Vitale S, Lima G, **Di Pietro A**, Turrà D (2020) A bacterial endophyte exploits chemotropism of a fungal pathogen for plant colonization. **Nat Commun** 11:5264.
3. Reinhardt D, Roux C, Corradi N, **Di Pietro A** (2020) Lineage-specific genes and cryptic sex: parallels and differences between arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi and fungal pathogens. **Trends Plant Sci** 26:111-123.
4. Moreno-Ruiz D, Lichius A, Turrà D, Di Pietro A, Zeilinger S (2020) Chemotropism assays for plant symbiosis and mycoparasitism related compound screening in *Trichoderma atroviride*. **Front Microbiol** 11:601251.
5. Partida-Hanon A, Maestro-López M, Vitale S, Turrà D, Di Pietro A, Martínez-del Pozo A, Bruix M (2020) Structure of fungal α mating pheromone in membrane mimetics suggests a possible role for regulation at the water-membrane interface. **Front Microbiol** 11:1090.
6. Zhang Y, Yang H, Turra D, Zhou S, Ayhan DH, DeIulio GA, Guo L, Broz K, Wiederhold N, Coleman JJ, Donnell KO, Youngster I, McAdam AJ, Savinov S, Shea T, Young S, Zeng Q, Rep M, Pearlman E, Schwartz DC, Di Pietro A, Kistler HC, Ma LJ (2020) The genome of opportunistic fungal pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* carries a unique set of lineage-specific chromosomes. **Commun Biol** 3:50.

7. Götz R, Panzer S, Trinks N, Eilts J, Wagener J, Turrà D, Di Pietro A, Sauer M, Terpitz U (2020) Expansion microscopy for cell biology analysis in fungi. **Front Microbiol** 11:574.
8. Frantzeskakis L, **Di Pietro A**, Rep M, Schirawski J, Wu CH, Panstruga R (2020) Rapid evolution in plant-microbe interactions - a molecular genomics perspective. **New Phytol** 225:1134-1142.
9. Vitale S, **Di Pietro A**, Turrà D (2019) Autocrine pheromone signalling regulates community behaviour in the fungal pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum*. *Nat Microbiol* 4:1443-1449.
10. Nordzieke DE, Fernandes TR, El Ghalid M, Turrà D, **Di Pietro A** (2019) NADPH oxidase regulates chemotropic growth of the fungal pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* towards the host plant. *New Phytol* 224:1600-1612.
11. Mulero-Aparicio A, Cernava T, Turrà D, Schaefer A, **Di Pietro A**, López-Escudero FJ, Trapero A, Berg G (2019) The role of volatile organic compounds and rhizosphere competence in mode of action of the non-pathogenic *Fusarium oxysporum* FO12 toward Verticillium wilt. *Front Microbiol* 10:1808.
12. Sabale M, **Di Pietro A**, Redkar A (2019) A conserved microbial motif 'traps' protease activation in host immunity. *Trends Plant Sci* 24:665-667.
13. Redkar A, **Di Pietro A** (2018) Adapt your shuttling proteins for virulence: a lesson from the corn smut fungus *Ustilago maydis*. *New Phytol* 220:353-356.
14. Ayhan DH, López-Díaz C, **Di Pietro A**, Ma LJ (2018) Improved assembly of reference genome *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici* strain Fol4287. *Microbiol Resour Announc* 7:e00910-18.
15. Patiño B, Vázquez C, Manning JM, Roncero MIG, Córdoba-Cañero D, **Di Pietro A**, Martínez-Del-Pozo Á (2018) Characterization of a novel cysteine-rich antifungal protein from *Fusarium graminearum* with activity against maize fungal pathogens. *Int J Food Microbiol* 283:45-51.
16. López-Díaz C, Rahjoo V, Sulyok M, Ghionna V, Martín-Vicente A, Capilla J, **Di Pietro A**, López-Berges MS (2018) Fusaric acid contributes to virulence of *Fusarium oxysporum* on plant and mammalian hosts. *Mol Plant Pathol* 19:440-453.
17. Kurian SM, **Di Pietro A**, Read ND (2018) Live-cell imaging of conidial anastomosis tube fusion during colony initiation in *Fusarium oxysporum*. *PLoS One* 13:e0195634.
18. Di Pietro A, **Talbot NJ** (2017) Fungal pathogenesis: Combatting the oxidative burst. *Nat Microbiol*: 2:17095.
19. Fernandes TR, Segorbe D, Prusky D, **Di Pietro A** (2017) How alkalization drives fungal pathogenicity. *PLoS Pathog* 13:e1006621.
20. Bravo-Ruiz G, Sassi AH, Marcet-Houben M, **Di Pietro A**, Gargouri A, Gabaldon T, Roncero MIG (2017) Regulatory mechanisms of a highly pectinolytic mutant of *Penicillium occitanis* and functional analysis of a candidate gene in the plant pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum*. *Front Microbiol* 8:1627.
21. Brown AJP, Cowen LE, **Di Pietro A**, Quinn J (2017) Stress Adaptation. *Microbiol Spectr* 5: doi: 10.1128/microbiolspec.FUNK-0048-2016.
22. Segorbe D, **Di Pietro A**, Pérez-Nadales E, Turrà D (2017) Three *Fusarium oxysporum* mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) have distinct and complementary roles in stress adaptation and cross-kingdom pathogenicity. *Mol Plant Pathol* 18:912-924.
23. Turrà D, Nordzieke D, Vitale S, El Ghalid M, **Di Pietro A**. (2016) Hyphal chemotropism in fungal pathogenicity. *Semin Cell Dev Biol* 57:69-75.
24. Vitale S, Partida-Hanon A, Serrano S, Martínez-Del-Pozo Á, **Di Pietro A**, Turrà D, Bruix M (2017) Structure-activity relationship of α mating pheromone from the fungal pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum*. *J Biol Chem* 292:3591-3602.
25. Dracatos PM, Payne J, **Di Pietro A**, Anderson MA, Plummer KM (2016) Plant defensins NaD1 and NaD2 induce different stress response pathways in fungi. *Int J Mol Sci* 17: E1473.
26. Masachis S, Segorbe D, Turrà D, Leon-Ruiz M, Fürst U, El Ghalid M, Leonard G, López-Berges, MS, Richards TA, Felix G, **Di Pietro A** (2016) A fungal pathogen secretes plant alkalizing peptides to increase infection. *Nat Microbiol* 1:16043. *Highlighted in:* Nat

- Microbiol News & Views (doi: 10.1038/nmicrobiol.2016.75) and in Nat Plant (doi: 10.1038/nplants.2016.67).
27. Turrà D, El Ghalid M, Rossi F, **Di Pietro A** (2015) Fungal pathogen uses sex pheromone receptor for chemotropic sensing of host plant signals. Nature doi: 10.1038/nature15516.
 28. Lo Presti L, López Díaz C, Turrà D, **Di Pietro A**, Hampel M, Heimel K, Kahmann R (2015) A conserved co-chaperone is required for virulence in fungal plant pathogens. New Phytol 209:1135-1148.
 29. Tarazona S, Furio-Tari P, Turrà D, **Di Pietro A**, Nueda MJ, Ferrer A, Conesa A (2015) Data quality aware analysis of differential expression in RNA-seq with NOISeq R/Bioc package. Nucleic Acids Res 43:e140.
 30. Turrà D, **Di Pietro A** (2015) Chemotropic sensing in fungus-plant interactions. Curr Opin Plant Biol 26:135-140.
 31. Bravo Ruiz G, **Di Pietro A**, Roncero MI (2015) Combined action of the major secreted exo- and endopolygalacturonases is required for full virulence of *Fusarium oxysporum*. Mol Plant Pathol 17:339-353.
 32. Corral-Ramos C, Roca MG, **Di Pietro A**, Roncero MIG, Ruiz-Roldán C (2015) Autophagy contributes to regulation of nuclear dynamics during vegetative growth and hyphal fusion in *Fusarium oxysporum*. Autophagy 11:131-144.
 33. Pérez-Nadales E, **Di Pietro A** (2014) The transmembrane protein Sho1 cooperates with the mucin Msb2 to regulate invasive growth and plant infection in *Fusarium oxysporum*. Mol Plant Pathol 16:593-603.
 34. Hou S, Wang X, Chen D, Yang X, Wang M, Turrà D, **Di Pietro A**, Zhang W (2014) The Secreted Peptide PIP1 Amplifies Immunity through Receptor-Like Kinase 7. PLOS Pathog 10:e1004331.
 35. Turrà D, Segorbe D, **Di Pietro A** (2014) Protein kinases in plant pathogenic fungi: conserved regulators of infection. Annu Rev Phytopathol 52: 267-288.
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 37. Schäfer K, Bain JM, **Di Pietro A**, Gow NAR, Erwig LP (2014). Hyphal growth of phagocytosed *Fusarium oxysporum* causes cell lysis and death of murine macrophages. PLOS One 9:e101999.
 38. Schäfer K, **Di Pietro A**, Gow NAR, MacCallum D (2014). Murine model for *Fusarium oxysporum* invasive fusariosis reveals organ specific structures for dissemination and long-term persistence. PLOS One 9:e89920.
 39. López-Berges M, Schäfer K, Hera C, **Di Pietro A** (2014) Combinatorial function of Velvet and AreA in transcriptional regulation of nitrate utilization and secondary metabolism. Fungal Genet Biol 62:78-84.
 40. Leal SM Jr, Roy S, Vareechon C, Carrion SD, Clark H, Lopez-Berges MS, **Di Pietro A**, Schrettl M, Beckmann N, Redl B, Haas H, Pearlman E (2013) Targeting iron acquisition blocks infection with the fungal pathogens *Aspergillus fumigatus* and *Fusarium oxysporum*. PLOS Pathog 9:e1003436.
 41. Schneider R, **Di Pietro A** (2013) The CAP protein superfamily: function in sterol export and fungal virulence. Biomol Concepts 4:519-526.
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43. López-Berges MS, Turrà D, Capilla J, Schafferer L, Matthijs S, Jöchl C, Cornelis P, Guarro J, Haas H, **Di Pietro A** (2013) Iron competition in fungus-plant interactions: The battle takes place in the rhizosphere. *Plant Signal Behav* 8:e23012.
 44. López-Berges MS, Hera C, Sulyok M, Schäfer K, Capilla J, Guarro J, **Di Pietro A** (2013) The velvet complex governs mycotoxin production and virulence of *Fusarium oxysporum* on plant and mammalian hosts. *Mol Microbiol* 87:49-65.
 45. López-Berges MS, Capilla J, Turrà D, Schafferer L, Matthijs S, Jöchl C, Cornelis P, Guarro J, Haas H, **Di Pietro A** (2012) HapX-mediated iron homeostasis is essential for rhizosphere competence and virulence of the soilborne pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum*. *Plant Cell* 24:3805-3822.
 46. Prados-Rosales RC, Roldan-Rodriguez R, Serena C, Lopez-Berges MS, Guarro J, Martinez-Del-Pozo A, **Di Pietro A** (2012) A PR-1-like protein of *Fusarium oxysporum* functions in virulence on mammalian hosts. *J Biol Chem* 287:21970-21979.
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 48. Pérez-Martín J, **Di Pietro A** (eds.) (2012) Morphogenesis and pathogenicity in fungi. Series: Topics in Current Genetics, Vol 22, Springer Verlag, Heidelberg, Berlin. 286 pp. ISBN: 978-3-642-22915-2.
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 50. Navarro-Velasco GY, Prados-Rosales RC, Ortíz-Urquiza A, Quesada-Moraga E, **Di Pietro A** (2011) *Galleria mellonella* as model host for the trans-kingdom pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum*. *Fungal Genet Biol* 48:1124-1129.
 51. Romano A, Vitullo D, **Di Pietro A**, Lima G, Lanzotti V (2011) Antifungal lipopeptides from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain BO7. *J Nat Prod* 74(2):145-151.
 52. Pérez-Nadales E, **Di Pietro A** (2011) The membrane mucin Msb2 regulates invasive growth and plant infection in *Fusarium oxysporum*. *Plant Cell* 23:1171-1185.
 53. López-Berges MS, Rispail N, Prados-Rosales RC, **Di Pietro A** (2010) A nitrogen response pathway regulates virulence in plant pathogenic fungi: role of TOR and the bZIP protein MeaB. *Plant Signal Behav* 5:1623-1625.
 54. Hua X, Yuan X, **Di Pietro A**, Wilhelmus KR (2010) The molecular pathogenicity of *Fusarium keratitis*: a fungal transcriptional regulator promotes hyphal penetration of the cornea. *Cornea* 29:1440-1444.
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 56. Rispail N, **Di Pietro A** (2010) The homeodomain transcription factor Ste12: Connecting fungal MAPK signalling to plant pathogenicity. *Commun Integr Biol* 3:327-332.
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