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Education

18/12/1998: Degree in Natural Science, University of Ferrara (Italy)

2000/2001: Visiting researcher at "Centro Austral de Investigaciones Cientificas (C.A.D.I.C.) Ushuaia – Tierra del Fuego – Argentina"

2001: Environmental Guide license

2002: Research fellowship, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, University of Ferrara

2003: Visiting researcher at Helsinki University

2006: PhD in Biological Systems: Structure, Function and Evolution

2007/2013: Research Fellowship, Department of Biology and Evolution, University of Ferrara

From 2014: Herbarium Curator – University of Ferrara

Teaching contracts

2011: Plant conservation; Geobotany; Geobotany laboratory – University of Ferrara

2009-2011: Parks, Natural areas and Botanical Gardens, degree course in Environmental and Cultural Science, University of Ferrara

2006-2008: Paleobotany, degree course in Natural Science, University of Ferrara

2005-2006: Quaternary vegetation, degree course in Prehistory Science, University of Ferrara

2002: Italian Vascular Flora, degree course in Natural Science, University of Ferrara

Technical qualifications

IRGA field measurements of CO₂ fluxes (LICOR 800, LCA4)

Plant cover (point-intercept method)

Vegetation sampling (biomass, production, LAI, VWC, etc.)

Nutrient analysis

Field experiment

Research interests

Plant ecology, particularly heathland and peatland vegetation and global change issues; botanical gardens and herbaria.

Other information

Laboratory assistant (Plant taxonomy, Vegetation ecology)

Languages

Basic English

Basic French

Basic German

Other info

Laboratories, lessons and education activities about all the aspects of botany dedicated to different school grades

Publications

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