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## Education

2007: Ph.D.from Faculty of Life Science, University of Copenhagen. Cyanogenesis in Arthropods.

2002: M.Sc.in biology from University of Copenhagen (Graded 11). Survey of a family of non-LTR retrotransposons

in Caenorhabditiselegans and Caenorhabditis briggsae.

1996: "Matematiskstudentereksamen" (High school) graduation from Espergærde Gymnasium (Average:10).

1993: "Folkeskolen"9<sup>th</sup> grade graduation from Borupgårdskolen, Snekkersten (Average: 10).

#### **Employment**

2024-: Researcher at Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen

2022-2023:Teacher at Gammel Hellerup Gymnasium

2021-2022: Teacherat Københavns VUC (KVUC)

2018-2020: Teacherat Hillerød Teknisk Gymnasium (Unord)

2014-2017: AssociateProfessor at Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen.

2007-2013: PostDoctoral Fellow at Faculty of Life Science (Now Faculty of Science), University of Copenhagen.

2003: Researchassistant at KVL, Copenhagen. (Later Faculty of Life Science, now Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen) until awarded Ph.D. stipend.

#### Courses

2024: Analysis of genome-wide enrichmentdata

2022: 4 hour refresher first aid course

2022: ½-day course about students with ADHD

2019: 1-day mini-pedagogic course for Highschool teachers

2016: 1 day course in Pedagogic supervision

2016: 6 day course in Project Management ofResearch Projects (Rambøll)

2015: ½ daycourse in Responsible conduct of Research (RCR)

2015: 3 day course in supervision of Ph.D.students

2012: 1day course in "Protein Structure Analysis" in Gent, Belgium.

2012: 1day refresher first aid course

2010: Talentdevelopment course at University of Copenhagen.

 $2009\hbox{-}2010\hbox{: Higher education teaching course from University of Copenhagen}.$ 

2003: 12hour first aid course

#### Supervision

2017: Chair of the PhD assessment committeefor Pernille Østerbye Erthmann: Triterpenoid saponin biosynthesis in

the non-modelcrucifer plant Barbarea vulgaris: gene discovery, genome assembly, andtransformation

2016: Main supervisor of bachelor-student(Rojan Demirtas): *How does toxicity varywithin Heliconius?*2016: Supervision of colleague (IriniPateraki) taking the Higher education teaching course from University ofCopenhagen

2015: Main supervisor of 5 project students Detonation of the cyanide bomb in insects(9 weeks)

2014-2017: Co-supervisor of two PhD students, MikaelKryger Jensen: *Engineering soluble insectand plant cytochromes P450 for biochemical characterization* and ÉrikaCristina Pinheiro de Castro: *Theevolution of chemicl defenses in passion vine butterflies*.

2013: Co-supervisor of bachelor-student (DitteBøgeskov Hansen): Cyanogenic glucosidesin sugarcane.

2010-2014: Co-supervisor of two PhD students, StefanPentzold: Insect counter-adaptations

to plant cyanogenic glucosides, and Joel Fürstenberg-Hägg: Interplay between de novobiosynthesis and sequestration of cyanogenic glucosides in Arthropods.

2010: Co-supervisorof project-student (15 ECTS) Geziel Barbosa Aguilar: *CYP405A2: Characterization of three intronic regions in the Zygaenaburnet moth.* 

2009: Co-supervisorof project-student (15 ECTS) Laura Martín Mitjana: *Optimization of DNA extraction and cloning of cytochromes P450 inZygaenidae.* 

2007: Co-supervisorfor master-student Linea Rigét Alsing: Cyanogenicglucosides in Zygaena filipendulae.

2002: Supervisorfor a team of students on the project: *Transcriptionalactivity of Sam, Frodo & Merry retrotransposons in response to heat shock*(6 weeks).

### Teaching

2024: Medical genetics Course (B.Sc. level):1 exercise: Chromosomes

2022-2023: Biology B and C (high school)

2021-2022: Biology A, B and C (high school)

2019-2020: Biology B and C, Biotechnology A (high school)

2018-2019: Biology C, Biotechnology A and Technic ("process, levnedsmiddel og sundhed") (high school)

2016-2017: Study practice training of high schoolstudents (2 hour computer-exercise): *Teoretisk computerøvelse i bioinformatik:Virtuelt PCR-forsøg på Rubisco-gen* 

2016: Copenhagen Summer University, Bioinformatik – forstå de hyppigst anvendte værktøjer (Highschool teachers): Lectures and exercises indatabase searches, sequence analysis, construction and modification of phylogenetic trees, 3 days. Course responsible and performing all teaching.

2016-2018: Cool climate viticulture and enology (M.Sc.level): 1 lecture: Grape pest management

2013+2016: Humanbenefits from Insects (M.Sc. level): 1 lecture: *Insects as producers ofspecialized chemical compounds* 2013-2015: Copenhagen Summer University, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (Highschool teachers): Lectures and exercises in databasesearches, sequence analysis, construction and modification of phylogenetictrees, 5 days.

Responsible for bioinformatics teaching, both lectures and exercises. Course responsible in 2014+2015.

2010-2017: Bioinformatics 1 (B.Sc. level): Exercises insequence analysis, construction and modification of phylogenetic trees(planning (incl. exam), computer exercises, 1 lecture, oral exams, 4 weeks ayear).

2003-2013: Biochemistry 2 (B.Sc. level): Biosynthesis, function and degradation of cyanogenic glycosides (Planning, laboratoryexercises and correction of reports, 1 week a year).

### Dissemination

2018: Invited talk at the symposium "Vin ogVidenskab" at the Museum of Natural History, Denmark: En kemisk-økologisk historie omgiftige køllesværmere og deres fødeplanter

2018: Invited talk at "Lærkeskolen" inStenløse: Hvordan bliver man biolog oghvad laver en forsker.

2016: Invitedtalk at the Sixth National Moth Recorders' Meeting in Birmingham, UK: Burnets, cyanide bombs and colonisation

2015: Invited talk at the EntomologicalSociety Denmark: En kemisk-økologisk historie om co-evolution mellem køllesværmere ogderes værtsplanter

2014: Filmedtalk aimed at high school students and teachers: Sommerfugle æder gift tilforsvar -Køllesværmeren ogkællingetand. http://video.ku.dk/video/9974871/sommerfugle-aeder-gift-til-forsvar

2013: Talk at high school: Naturstoffer, kemisk krigsførelse oggenteknologi.

2007-2017: ProvidedZygaena larvae, boxes, food-plants and information about rearing to thekindergarden "Vandfaldet" and the primary school "Lærkeskolen" in Stenløse.

2006: VisitedMax Planck institute for Chemical Ecology in Jena, Germany and gave a talk (2days).

2003-2010: Culture Night Copenhagen: Plants that fight back – picky insects (Laboratory exercises and planning, 1 day a year).

2003-2017: High school visits: Biotechnology, detection of genes with PCR (lectures and laboratory exercises, 2 weeks a year)Course responsible since 2009.

### Conferences

2024: GenerativeAl in Science in Copenhagen, Denmark.

2017: GordonResearch Conference "Plant-Herbivore interactions" in California, USA (poster).

2016: "15thinternational symposium on Zygaenidae" in Mals, Italy (2 invited talks).

2015: ISCE2015 (31<sup>St</sup> conference of the International Society of ChemicalEcology) in Stockholm, Sweden (talk and poster).

2015: Plant-Insect-MicrobeInteractions Symposium in Denmark.

2014: "5thDanish Symposium on Metabolomics" in Denmark.

2014: "14thinternational symposium on Zygaenidae" on Mull, Scotland (3 invited talks).

2013: GordonResearch Conference "Plant-Herbivore interactions" in California, USA (poster).

2012: "13thinternational symposium on Zygaenidae" in Innsbruck, Austria (2 invited talks).

2012: "Copenhagenomics2012" in Denmark.

2011: "SixthInternational Symposium on Molecular Insect Science" in Amsterdam, Holland (Invitedtalk and poster).

2010: "12thinternational symposium on Zygaenidae" in Hatay, Turkey (Invited talk).

2010: GordonResearch Conference "Plant-Herbivore interactions" in Texas, USA (poster).

2010-2017: Yearlyconference "Plant Biotech Denmark meeting" in Denmark (poster each year, chairof a session in 2016).

2009: "VI-TH International Conference on Arthropods: Chemical, Physiological, Biotechnological and Environmental Aspects" in OchotnicaDolna, Poland (Invited talkand chair of a session).

2006: "10thinternational symposium on Zygaenidae" in Lyon, France (Invited talk).

2006: "22rd Annual Meeting of the International Society of Chemical Ecology ISCE" in Barcelona, Spain (poster).

2004: GordonResearch Conference "Plant-Herbivore interactions" in California, USA (poster).

2001: EuropeanSociety of Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) conference in Århus, Denmark.

# Funding

2013: Co-application application to the Villum foundation (Denmark) (30 mill. kr.), Title: Bioactive Plants II: Plant plasticity

2013: Co-application application for a large project to FNU (The Danish Council for IndependentResearch, Natural Sciences) (6.5 mill. Kr.), title: Evolution of Chemical Defence in Butterflies and Moths

2007: Co-application application to the Carlsberg foundation (150.000 Kr.), title: Which genes are active in the chemical defense of the six-spotted burnet moth?

#### Main Collaborations

2016-2018: FeyereisenR.: Evolution of chemical defence ininsects. Affiliated professor from InstitutNational de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), France.

2015-2018: Jensen, AB.: The importance of ingestedcyanogenic glucosides for bee health. University of Copenhagen, DK. 2014-2018: Briolat E., Stevens M.: Warning coloration indifferent life stages of Zygaenid moths, and its role in male-femalecommunication. University of Exeter, UK.

2014-2017: Cryle M.: Crystallization of P450 enzymes fromplants and insects involved in the biosynthesis of cyanogenic glucosides. Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg, Germany.

2013-2017: Cardoso MZ.: Occurrence and biosynthesis ofcyanogenic glucosides in Heliconius butterflies and their food plants. Botanica, Ecologia e Zoologia, Centro de Biociencias, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brazil. 2011-2013: FeyereisenR.: de novo biosynthesisand sequestration of cyanogenic glucosides in Z. filipendulae. Visiting professor from Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), France.

2009-2012: NakoniecznyM. <sup>1</sup>, Kedziorski A. <sup>1</sup>, Debinsky DM. <sup>2</sup>, Matter S. <sup>3</sup>: Occurrence and biosynthesis of hydroxynitrileglucosides in Parnassius (Papilionidae) butterflies and their food plants. <sup>1</sup>Department of AnimalPhysiology & Ecotoxicology, University of Silesia, Poland. <sup>2</sup>Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, Iowa State University, USA. <sup>3</sup>Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cincinnati, USA

2006-2009: Dreon AL., Gomiero T., Paoletti MG.: Cyanogenicglucosides in edible insects. Laboratory of Agroecology and Ethnobiology, Padova University, Italy.

### Other achievements

2016-2017: Memberof the departmental Ph.D. Committee, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2014-2017: Memberof the section Coordination Group, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2011: Coursefor members of liaison committees.

2010-2012: Deputymember of the local liaison committee.

2007-2009: Boardmember in the kindergarden "Blåmejsen" in Stenløse.

1996: Sixweeks of voluntary unpaid work for the Australian Trust for ConservationVolunteers (ATCV) in Northern Territory, Australia.