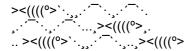
## Celia Schunter





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#### **EDUCATION**

2014-current **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Integrative Systems Biology Lab

KAUST Environmental Epigenetic Program (KEEP)

Division of Biological and Environmental Sciences & Engineering King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

2009-2013 PhD Doctorate of Philosophy, Genetics Excellent (Summa) Cum Laude

University of Barcelona / CSIC- Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Blanes

With International Recognition

Dissertation: Challenges in marine ecology: genomic investigations of dispersal patterns and phenotypic plasticity in Mediterranean Fishes

Advisors: Enrique Macpherson and Marta Pascual

2008-2009 Master in Developmental Biology, Genetics and Evolution

University of Barcelona

2007-2008 Master in Biodiversity, Evolution and Conservation

University of Barcelona

2003-2006 **Bachelor of Science** 

Major in Marine Biology

James Cook University, Townsville, Australia

2002 Abitur

Werner-Heisenberg Gymnasium, Bad Durkheim, Germany

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2016 Elected for KAUST Environmental Epigenetics Program Invited Lecture Committee

2014	Travel Grant by Tebu-bio for the SMBE meeting 2014	
2013	Travel Grant for the Symposium on Epigenetics in Ecology and Evolution, Gif-sur-Yvette, France by the Societé Française de Génétique	
2012	Awarded 6 months Short-term research stay grant 2012 by Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas.	
2012	Travel Grant to the Congenomics Workshop, Seville, by the European Science Foundation	
2011	Awarded 6 months Short-term research stay grant 2011 by Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas.	
2009	Four-year PhD Scholarship through the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas	
2006	Joe and Val Baker Prize for the student who best performed excellence in third year marine biology 2006	
2005	Golden Key International Honours Society membership in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence 2005	
RESEARCH STAYS		
May – Nov 2012		With John Carlos Garza PhD, Molecular Ecology Team Leader, NOAA and University of California, Santa Cruz, USA
Jan - July 2011		With Steve Vollmer PhD, Assistant Professor, Northeastern University, Marine Science Center, Boston, USA
March - June 2006		With Gabriele Gerlach Prof. Dr., Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, USA (now Universität Oldenburg, Germany)
GRANTS		
2016- 2019	Genomic evidence for adaptation of marine fishes to ocean acidification.	
	Financing entity: KAUST OCRF-2015-CRG	
2015- 2018	8 Transcriptional program and the epigenome of transgenerational acclimation to climate change in reef fishes	

2014- 2017 Addressing CHALLENges in marine research with GENetic tools: introduced species, biodiversity assessment, adaptation to global warming. (CHALLENGEN).

Financing entity: KAUST OCRF-2014-CRG

Financing entity: Spanish national Project CTM2013-48163-C2-2-R

2012-2016 Towards COast to COast NETworks of marine protected areas (from the shore to the high and deep sea), coupled with sea-based wind energy wind potential. (COCONET)

European Union, 7th Framework Programme, Grant agreement no: 287844

2011-2013 Estimation of genetic diversity and effective population size of *Donax trunculus* in the Doñana National Park and its contribution to the surrounding not protected area.

National Parks, Spain

2011-2013 Detección de cambios en el bentos marino mediante herramientas moleculares: individuos, poblaciones, comunidades (BENTOMICS)

Translation: Detection of changes to the marine benthos using molecular tools: individuals, population and communities.

Financing entity: Spanish national Project CICYT. CTM2010-22218-C02-01

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Google Scholar profile: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=EERAcl0AAAAJ&hl=en

- 13. Boero F, Foglini F, Fraschetti S, Goriup P, Macpherson E, Planes S, Soukissian T, **The CoCoNet Consortium** (2017) CoCoNet: towards coast to coast networks of marine protected areas (from the shore to the high and deep sea), coupled with seabased wind energy potential. *SCIentific RESearch and Information Technology*, **6**, 1-95.
- 12. **Schunter C**, Bonzi L, Norstog J, Parkes S, McCabe M, Ravasi T (2017) Desert fish populations defy hydrological constraints via ecological and physiological adaptation. (Submitted).
- 11. **Schunter C**, Welch M, Nilsson G, Rummer J, Munday P, Ravasi T (2017) An interplay between plasticity, epigenetics, and parental phenotype determines impacts of ocean acidification on a reef fish. (*accepted in Nature Ecology & Evolution*)
- 10. **Schunter** C, Macpherson E, Garza JC, Raventos N, Pascual M (2016) Seascape genetics at it's finest: dispersal patchiness within a well-connected population. (in prep)
- 9. Pascual M, Rives B, **Schunter C**, Macpherson E (2017) Impact of life history traits on gene flow: A multispecies systematic review across oceanographic barriers in the Mediterranean Sea. *PLoS One*. doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0176419

- 8. **Schunter C**, Welch M, Ryu T, Zhang H, Nilsson G, Munday PL, Ravasi T (2016) Molecular signatures of transgenerational response to ocean acidification in a species of reef fish. *Nature Climate Change* doi:10.1038/ncimate3087. Altimetrics score (April 2017): 386.
- 7. Ryu T, Seridi L, Moitinho-Silva L, Oates M, Liew Y, Mavromatis C, Wang X, Haywood A, Lafi F, Kupresanin M, Sougrat R, Alzahrani M, Giles E, Ghosheh Y, **Schunter C**, Baumgarten S, Berumen M, Gao X, Aranda M, Foret S, Gough J, Voolstra CR, Hentschel U, Ravasi T (2016) Hologenome analysis of two marine sponges with different microbiomes. *BMC Genomics*, **17**, 158.
- 6. **Schunter C**, Pascual M, Garza JC, Raventos N, Macpherson E (2014) Kinship analyses identify fish dispersal events on a temperate coast line. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, **281**, 20140556.
- 5. **Schunter** C, Vollmer S, Macpherson E, Pascual M (2014) Transcriptome analyses and differential gene expression in a non-model fish species with alternative mating tactics. *BMC Genomics*, **15**, 167.
- 4. **Schunter** C, Garza C, Macpherson E, Pascual M (2014) SNP development from RNA-seq data in a non-model fish: how many individuals are needed for accurate allele frequency prediction? *Molecular Ecology Resources*, **14**, 157–165.
- 3. **Schunter** C, Carreras-Carbonell J, Macpherson E, Tintoré J, Vidal-Vijande E, Pascual A, Guidetti P, Pascual M (2011) Matching genetics with oceanography: directional gene flow in a Mediterranean fish species. *Molecular Ecology*, **20**, 5167–81.
- 2. **Schunter** C, Carreras-Carbonell J, Planes S, Sala E, Ballesteros E, Zabala M, Harmelin J-G, Harmelin-Vivien M, Macpherson E, Pascual M (2011) Genetic connectivity pattern in an endangered species: the dusky grouper (*Epinephelus marginatus*). *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*, **401** (1-2), 126-133.
- 1. Gerlach G, Hotchkins-Davis A, Avolio C, **Schunter C** (2008) Kin recognition in Zebrafish: a 24-hour window for olfactory imprinting. *Proceedings of the Royal Society: Biological Sciences.* **275:** 1647, 2165 -2170

## **INVITED TALKS, TEACHING & MENTORING**

- 2017 Molecular signatures of transgenerational response to ocean acidification in a species of reef fish. Invited talk at SCRIPPS Oceanographic Institute, San Diego, USA
- 2017 Effects of ocean acidification on a species of coral reef fish. Invited talk at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

- 2016 Genome-wide patterns of tolerance to effects ocean acidification. Invited talk at the University of Oldenburg, Germany
- 2016 Teaching: 'Genomics' Master level course: The era of Next Generation Sequencing and it's applications
- 2016 'Signatures of transgenerational molecular brain response to ocean acidification in a reef fish. Invited talk at the ARC Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, Townsville, Australia. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvZkPquqyuk
- 2015 Teaching: Marine Summer Course in KAUST
- 2015 'Molecular Reponses to Ocean Acidification in Coral Reef Fish' at the Biological and Environmental Sciences and Engineering division at KAUST.
- 2014 'Investigations of phenotypic plasticity and dispersal patterns in a Mediterranean Fish' at the Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Blanes, National Research Council
- Teaching: 'Introduction to next generation Sequencing and its application in marine species' at the Genetics Department, University of Barcelona for the Master's degree course 'Population genetics and connectivity in marine organisms'
- 'Genomic investigations of dispersal patterns and phenotypic plasticity in a Mediterranean fish species'. Invited talk at Washington State University, Pullman
- 2013 Teaching: 'Conservation Genomics' at the Genetics Department, University of Barcelona for the Master's degree course 'Population Genetics'
- 2012 'The mating genes, what determines dominance' at the Genetics Department, University of Barcelona

I have created projects and officially mentored three invited visiting students (graduate and postgraduate level) and I am currently supervising two PhD students in the Integrative Systems Biology lab in KAUST.

#### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS**

- 2017 The 10<sup>th</sup> Indo-Pacific Fish Conference. Symposium organizer: 'Phenotypic plasticity and adaptation to anthropogenic environmental changes'.
- 2017 Society of Experimental Biology Annual meeting.' An interplay between plasticity, epigenetics, and parental phenotype determines impacts of ocean acidification on a reef fish'. Gothenburg, Sweden.

  Oral presentation
- 2017 KAUST-UCI Symposium 'Epigenetics and Environment'. 'Epigenetic processes in Adaptation to Ocean Acidification', KAUST, Saudi Arabia.

  Oral presentation
- 2017 Society on NeuroImmune Pharmacology. Symposium on Systems Biology. The function of the brain in global warming. Philadelphia, USA.

- Invited oral presentation
- 2016 Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution meeting 2016 symposium organizer and coordinator: 'Mechanisms of transgenerational adaptation to environmental change' on the Gold Coast, Australia.
- 2016 International Coral Reef Symposium, Hawaii
  - 'Molecular signatures of transgenerational response to ocean acidification in a coral reef fish'
  - Oral presentation
- 2015 Invited talk on seascape genetics at the International Association of Landscape Ecology in Portland, Oregon, USA.
- 2015 SMBE satellite meeting SMBEBA: Investigating biological adaptation with NGS: data and models, Hameau de l'étoile, France.
- 2014 XX Seminario de Genética de Poblaciones y Evolución 'Fishy' relationships: genomic investigations into dispersal patterns and family affairs. Oral presentation
- 2014 Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution Meeting 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico 'Head'-ing towards the understanding of tissue expression differences in pooled and non-pooled data via RNAseq'

  Poster presentation

  SMRE Poster Judge
  - SMBE Poster Judge
- 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> CNAG Symposium on Genome Research: Epigenomics, Barcelona, Spain
- 2013 Symposium on Epigenetics in Ecology and Evolution, Gif-sur-Yvette, France 'Environmental Epigenomics: Plastic and heritable responses to social cues and environmental pollution' Poster and short oral presentation
- 2013 IV Spanish Society for Evolutionary Biology meeting, Barcelona, Spain 'Retention and fish larval dispersal potential on a highly connected open coast line' Poster presentation
- 2013 GDRE (European Research Group): Comparative Genomics meeting, Barcelona, Spain
- 2013 XIV Congress of European Society of Evolutionary Biology, Lisbon, Portugal 'Differential gene expression in a non-model fish species with alternative mating tactics'

  Oral presentation
- 2013 XXIX Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Genética, Girona, Spain 'Conectividad y conservación en organismos marinos: desafíos en un mundo cambiante'

  Oral presentation
- 2013 XI Jornada Societat Catalana de Biología Evolutiva, Barcelona, Spain 'Differential gene expression in a non-model fish species with alternative mating tactics'
  Oral presentation
- 2013 1<sup>st</sup> CNAG Symposium on Genome Research, Barcelona, Spain
- 2012 Evolution, 1st joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology, Ottawa, Canada 'The mating genes: what determines dominance?'
  Poster Presentation
- 2012 Conservation Genomics Workshop, Seville, Spain
- 2012 Simposio Ibérico de Estudios en Biología Marina, Septiembre 2012, San Sebastián, Spain
  - 'The mating genes: what determines dominance?'

Oral presentation

2012 XIX Seminario de Genética de Poblaciones y Evolución, Urduña, Spain

'Análisis genético y morfométrico en el cangrejo Liocarcinus depurator en la transición Atlanto-Mediterránea'

Oral presentation

2011 Sociedad Española de Biología Evolutiva, Madrid, Spain.

'Matching genetics with oceanography: directional gene flow in a Mediterranean fish species.'

Oral Presentation

2010 XVIII Seminario de Genética de Poblaciones y Evolución, Lugo, Spain.

'Discontinuidades genéticas y geográficas'

Oral Presentation

2009 XXXVII Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Genética, Málaga, Spain

'Efecto de las discontinuidades oceanográficas sobre la diferenciación genéticopoblacional en especies litorales'

Poster Presentation

2009 XII Congress of European Society of Evolutionary Biology, Turin

'Genetic population structure and Atlanto-Mediterranean oceanographic discontinuities'

Poster Presentation

#### FURTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Oct 2013 – May 2014 Research assistant for the *Drosophila subobscura* transcriptome

project, analysis of RNAseq data.

With Marta Pascual PhD, Genetics Department, University of

Barcelona, Spain

Sept – Dec 2006 Independent survey to establish a Marine Research Station Unified

project with ECO Project Ltd. and the NGO Environment Tobago to establish a marine and terrestrial research Station in Charlotteville,

Tobago

March- June 2006 Laboratory Internship and Research Assistant

With Gabriele Gerlach PhD, Marine Biological Laboratory, USA

2003-2005 Dive Club Secretary, Dive Club, James Cook University, Townsville,

Australia

July 2004 Research assistant James Cook University, Moreton Island, Australia

June 2002-Sept 2002 Assistance with water analysis

BASF Group water treatment plant, Ludwigshafen, Germany

#### **REVIEWING**

I have been invited to serve as an external referee for over 50 scientific papers and review articles, including service for: Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Scientific reports, Genetica, Conservation Genetics, Ecology and Evolution, PLoS ONE, Marine Ecology, Frontiers in Genetics and Heredity. I am a Review Editor on the Marine Molecular Biology and Ecology Editorial Board for the Journal Frontiers in Marine Science as well as the Evolutionary and Population Genetics Editorial Board for Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution.

Please find my verified reviewer profile here: https://publons.com/author/284642/celia-schunter

I have reviewed grants and proposals for the Great Lakes Fishery Commision, la comisión sectorial de investigación cientifica and the National Science Foundation.

#### **FURTHER SKILLS**

Bioinformatics: Programming skills in R and PYTHON scripting.

Languages: I speak English, German, Spanish and Catalan fluently and basic French. I worked as a part-time English and German teacher for two years at Phonelearning Ltd. in Barcelona.

Field work: Rescue Diver PADI certificate and recreational boat licenses for Europe and Australia.

Social engagement and Outreach: Highschool award for social engagement, Organization of social events integrating international students at James Cook University, 2011 volunteer at the Science Fair, Boston

#### REFERENCES

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