

I, Valeria Di Dato, permanent researcher at the Ecosustainable Marine Biotechnology Department since 2020, am writing to candidate myself for the SZN PhD Steering Committee.

Along my long career as post doc in Italy and outside I had the opportunity to compare the Italian educational system with the ones of other nations. Indeed, working in a very international environment I knew a lot of people from all over the world sharing with me their life style, educational system and traditions.

My CV is centred on the gene regulation of transcription, functional genomics and physiology using molecular biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics and many different techniques based on that approaches on very different topics from learning and memory in cephalopods to human cancer to marine microalgae. My interdisciplinary background has provided me with effective communication skills across a diverse range of groups and I have found bringing together researchers from different fields to be particularly beneficial. Furthermore, I have experience with the supervision of Bachelor, Master and PhD students, and with teaching undergraduate courses on genetics for which I received excellent feedback. I find the nurturing of students in order to realize their best potential to be a greatly rewarding aspect of teaching work other than be a great opportunity of personal growth. The continuous exchange with the youngest is always in my opinion an opportunity to ameliorate yourself personally and scientifically as they bring fresh ideas. I am thus interested in taking on and becoming part of the SZN PhD Steering Committee.

I am really enthusiastic about this possibility.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

I candidate myself for the curricula: Marine Biotechnologies and Marine Biological Research Technologies and Biology and Evolution of Marine Organisms.

My birth date is 07/01/1976

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