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Biosketch

Adriana Vallesi is Associate Professor at the School of Biosciences and Veterinary Medicine of the University of Camerino (Italy), where she is responsible for the laboratory of Eukaryotic Microbiology and Animal Biology. Her primary research interest is focused on the biology, molecular genetics, and adaptive evolution of ciliates (*Euplotes* in particular), with emphasis on the structure, mechanism of action and genetic determination of signaling molecules (pheromones) driving self/not-self recognition phenomena. She is associate editor of *Frontiers in Marine Science*, member of the editorial boards of the *European Journal of Protistology* and *Microbiology Research*, and served as guest editor of a special issue of *Microorganisms* on “Ciliates as model organisms”. Author of circa 70 original research articles on peer-reviewed journals, plus a dozen of reviews and book chapters.