

## BIO-Sketch of Giampiero Valè

### ➤ Personal Information

From December 28th 2018, Associate professor in Genetics (Bio/18), Università del Piemonte Orientale, Dipartimento per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile e la Transizione Ecologica (DiSSTE), Polo S. Giuseppe, piazza S. Eusebio 5, 13100, Vercelli (Italy).

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➤ Academic age: years from the beginning of scientific activity: 31

### ➤ Previous positions

- May 2017 - December 2018, responsible of the Vercelli side office of CREA-CI, (Italy);

- January 2011 - April 2017, acting director of the CREA-Rice research unit of Vercelli, (Italy);

- 1991 – December 2010, researcher at the Genomics research centre of the CREA, Fiorenzuola d'Arda (PC), (Italy)

### ➤ Prizes and awards

- Winner of a bimonthly NATO-CNR Senior fellowship for international research institutions on June 1999

- National scientific qualification to full professor for the disciplinary scientific sector AGR/07 (Agricultural genetics) from 10/04/2017 to 10/04/2023

- Eligible for direction of the Genomics and bioinformatics research centre of CREA (CREA-GB), from 23-5-2017 to 23-5-2025

- National scientific qualification to full professor for the disciplinary scientific sector BIO/18 (Genetics), from 15/04/2021 to 15/04/2030

### ➤ Visiting academic positions

- July 1999 – March 2000, visiting postdoctoral scientist at the Sainsbury Laboratory of John Innes Centre in Norwich, (UK);

- 2015, invited visiting at China Agricultural University, Beijing and Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nanjing (China), title of presentation: "Priorities for rice research in Italy and Europe".

### ➤ Teaching activities and PhD supervision

- 2005-2010, Molecular Plant Pathology and Plant Genomics at the Faculty of Biology of the University of Parma (Italy);

- 2003-2006, Plant Molecular Biology at the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Modena e Reggio Emilia (Italy).

2019-present: Genetica (9 CFU), Genetica II (6 CFU), Plant Genetics (3 CFU) at Università del Piemonte Orientale;

- Supervisor/co-tutor of the following PhD students: Elena Dall'Aglio, PhD Biotecnologie Industriali e Ambientali, Università degli Studi di Verona, 2005-2008; Davide Bulgarelli, PhD Biologia Vegetale e Produttività della Pianta Coltivata, Università degli Studi di Milano, 2006-2009; Simona Urso, PhD Biologia Vegetale, Università degli Studi di Parma, 2008-2011; Letizia Bernardo, PhD Biochimica e Biotecnologie, Università degli Studi di Padova, 2009-2012; Chiara Biselli, PhD Biochimica e Biologia Molecolare, Università degli Studi di Parma, 2009-2012; Jacopo Trotti, PhD Chemistry and Biology, UPO, 2022-present.

### ➤ Education

- 1994 PhD in Applied Genetics (70/70), University of Milan, Italy;

- 1990 Laurea cum laude in Agricultural Sciences, Catholic University of Piacenza (Italy).

### ➤ Administrative role and position responsibility

- 2010, member of the national delegation visiting Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and participation to round tables and meetings with the Canadian colleagues to define bilateral collaborations between Italy and Canada on agricultural research;

- 2011-2012, member of the working group appointed to define a revision of the criteria for registration of rice varieties to the "Registro Nazionale delle varietà di riso" to be proposed to the "Commissione Sementi of MiPAAF";

- from September 2013 to September 2015, member of the SIGA (Società Italiana di Genetica Agraria) Executive Board;

- since 2013, member of the Expert Working group (EWG) “Durum Wheat Genomics and Breeding” of the consortium the “Wheat Initiative” ([www.wheatinitiative.org](http://www.wheatinitiative.org));
- since 2016, member of Working Group on Rice Authentication of ICC (International Association for Cereal Science and Technology) Technical Committee;
- 2019-present, Referent Teacher of the Master Degree in Food Health and Environment;
- 2020-present, Member of the Didactic Committee of the PhD program in Chemistry and Biology, University of Piemonte Orientale;
- 2022-present, Director of the international Master of Science in Food, health and environment, University of Piemonte Orientale.

➤ Scientific organisations

- 2002, member of the international organizing committee of the Eucarpia (European Association for Research on Plant Breeding) international congress “From biodiversity to genomics: breeding strategies for small grain cereals in the third millennium”, Salsomaggiore (PR), Italy;
- 2014, member of the international organizing committee of the IWBLD (1st International Workshop on Barley Leaf Diseases) international congress, Salsomaggiore Terme, (<http://www.iwbld.org/>) and chairman of the Session 6 on “Durable resistance in barley”; Italy, June 3-6, 2014;
- 2014, invited speaker at the congress “Rice International Conference From Staple to Innovation” (<http://www.rice2014.com/en/index.php>), Session 2 “Rice breeding and agricultural practices to meet processing and product requirements”, Pingtung, Taiwan, title of presentation: “Breeding for quality- and functional-related traits in European temperate japonica rice”.

➤ Editorial activity

- since 1998, reviewer of scientific publications for several indexed scientific journals;
- since 2017, member of the Frontiers in Plant Science Editorial Board (associate editor), specialty section Crop Science and Horticulture;
- 2021-2022, Guest Editor of the MDPI journal Agriculture on “Breeding and Genetics to shape rice production systems in the new climatic scenario”;
- 2021-2022, Topic Editor of the Frontiers in Plant Science article collection on “Disease Resistance in Rice”.

➤ Membership of scientific societies

- 1993-present, member of the Italian Society for Agricultural Genetics (SIGA);
- from 2007 to 2015, member of the “International society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions”.

➤ Fundings (current and past)

GV has been Principal investigator/Coordinator/WP leader in 24 National/International projects (Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Regions Emilia-Romagna and Lombardia, AGER-Foundation, Cariplo and Agripolis Foundations, ERA-NET, H2020), and 1 Project with a national private company. Co-owner of Community plant variety rights for three rice varieties: Ducato (decision n. 33458), Salvo (decision n. 33457) (2012) e Onice (decision n. 34408) (2013)

Main Fund raising; among parentheses are indicated the amount (€) funded to GV, funding organizations and number of partners:

- 2001-2005, responsible of research unit, PROMAR, a project on plant protection by using marker-assisted selection (100.710 € funded to GV), (MiPAF, 6 partners);
- 2005-2007, responsible of research unit, CEREALAB, a project on the identification of useful traits for the seed companies (91.200 € funded to GV), (Regione Emilia-Romagna, 5 partners);
- 2005-2010, responsible of research unit, PROM, a project on structural and functional genomics of horticultural plants (112.900 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 36 partners);
- 2005-2009, responsible of research unit, PROTEOSTRESS, a project on proteins and genes involved in plant protection from pathogens (210.000 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 9 partners);
- 2009-2011, coordinator, RESPAT, a project dedicated to the identification of genes involved in plant-pathogens interactions (35.000 funded to GV) (MiPAAF, 9 partners);
- 2008-2012, responsible of research unit, “Progetto internazionale sequenziamento genoma frumenti: la mappa fisica del cromosoma 5A”, a project on the realization of the bread wheat chromosome 5A physical map (600.000 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 10 partners);
- 2009-2011, responsible of research unit, CITRUSTART, a project on Citrus resistance to CTV (70.000 funded to GV) (MiPAF, 4 partners);

- 2011-2013, responsible of research unit, RGV-FAO, a project dedicated to characterization and exploitation of genetic resources (60.000 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 26 partners);
- 2012-2014, responsible of research unit, CANADAIR, a project devoted to research on wheat within an Italy-Canada collaboration (450.000 funded to GV) (MiPAF, 4 partners);
- 2011-2014, coordinator, RISINNOVA, Integrated Genetic and Genomic Approaches for New Italian Rice Breeding Strategies, a project dedicated to genetics and genomics research of rice adaptation to abiotic and biotic stresses, (410.000 € funded to GV) (AGER foundation, 12 partners);
- 2011-2013, responsible of research unit and WP leader, POLORISO, scientific research on genetics and technology of rice, (151.000 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 10 partners);
- 2012-2016, responsible of research unit, GS-RUSE, Genomic selection for resources use efficiency in rice, (48.000 € funded to GV) (Cariplo and Agripolis Foundations; 7 partners);
- 2014-2016, responsible of research unit, RGV-FAO, a project dedicated to characterization and exploitation of genetic resources (56.000 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 26 partners);
- 2014-2017 responsible of research unit and WP leader, GreenRice, Sustainable and environmental friendly rice cultivation systems in Europe, (100.100 € funded to GV) (FACCE-JPI ERA Net+, 7 partners);
- 2015-2019, responsible of agreement with a private seed company, ViNaRes, a project dedicated to pyramiding of blast resistance genes into a traditional Italian rice variety (40.000 € funded to GV) (national private company);
- 2016-2020, responsible of research unit, NEURICE, New commercial EUROpean RICE (*Oryza sativa*) harbouring salt tolerance alleles to protect the rice sector against climate change and apple snail (*Pomacea insularum*) invasion, H2020 call SFS-05-2015 (350.036 € funded to GV) (13 partners);
- 2017-2020, responsible of research unit, RGV-FAO, a project dedicated to characterization and exploitation of genetic resources (51.000 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 26 partners);
- 2017-2020, coordinator, RISO-BIOSYSTEMS, a project dedicated to research and dissemination on organic rice (167.731 € funded to GV) (MiPAF, 6 partners);
- 2023-2024, responsible of research unit, "FUTUREGRAIN: Exploring Rice diversity in agricultural systems and nutritional quality towards healthier food with a lower environmental impact" (42.255 € funded to GV) (Swedish private agency Ekhagastiftelsen, 2 partners).

#### ➤ Research Interests

Research is related to plant breeding and genetics: about 30 years of experience in plant breeding and genetics: conventional breeding, molecular genetics, transcriptome analysis, quantitative genetics, map-based cloning, marker-assisted selection, with focus on biotic and abiotic stresses tolerance, resource use efficiency and plant microbiota. Expertise in genetic data analyses: construction of genetic maps, mapping of single genes and quantitative traits, association mapping for agronomical and quality traits in rice.

#### ➤ Bibliometric data (Source Scopus)

- H-Index (in Scopus): 26
- Total number of publications in peer-reviewed journals: 86

#### ➤ Main scientific publications

More than 130 publications in international-national Journals and book chapters.

Publications on peer-reviewed Journals

1. Marè C, Zampieri E, Cavallaro V, Frouin J, Grenier C, Courtois B, Brottier L, Tacconi G, Finocchiaro F, Serrat X, Nogués S, Bundó M, San Segundo B, Negrini N, Pesenti M, Sacchi GA, Gavina G, Bovina R, Monaco S, Tondelli A, Cattivelli L, Valè G (2023) Marker-assisted introgression of the salinity tolerance locus *Saltol* in temperate japonica rice. *Rice*, 16:2. DOI: 10.1186/s12284-023-00619-2

2. Hester ER, Vaksmaa A, Vale' G, Monaco S, Jetten MSM, Lüke C (2022) Effect of water management on microbial diversity and composition in an Italian rice field system. *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*, 98:1–11; DOI: 10.1093/femsec/fiac018
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4. Bez C, Esposito A, Thuy H-D, Hong M-N, Valè G, Licastro D, Bertani I, Piazza S, Venturi V (2021) The rice foot rot pathogen *Dickeya zeae* alters the in-field plant microbiome. *Environmental Microbiology*, 23(12): 7671-7687; DOI: 10.1111/1462-2920.15726
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8. Maghrebi M, Baldoni E, Lucchini G, Vigani G, Valè G, Sacchi GA, Nocito FF (2021) Analysis of Cadmium Root Retention for Two Contrasting Rice Accessions Suggests an Important Role for OsHMA2. *Plants* 10: 806. DOI: 10.3390/plants10040806
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10. Faccini N, Delbono S, Çelik Oguz A, Cattivelli L, Valè G, Tondelli A (2021) Resistance of European spring 2-row barley cultivars to *Pyrenophora graminea* and detection of associated loci. *Agronomy* 11(2):374. DOI: 10.3390/agronomy11020374
11. Volante A, Tondelli A, Desiderio F, Abbruscato P, Menin B, Biselli C, Casella L, Singh N, McCouch SR, Tharreau D, Zampieri E, Cattivelli L, Valè G (2020) Genome wide association studies for japonica rice resistance to blast in field and controlled conditions. *Rice* 13:71. DOI: 10.1186/s12284-020-00431-2
12. Barabaschi D, Tondelli A, Valè G, Cattivelli L (2020) Fitness cost shapes differential evolutionary dynamics of disease resistance genes in cultivated and wild plants. *Molecular Plant* 13:1-3. DOI: 10.1016/j.molp.2020.09.003
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14. Andreozzi A, Prieto P, Mercado-Blanco J, Monaco S, Zampieri E, Romano S, Valè G, Defez R, Bianco C (2019) Efficient colonization of the endophytes *Herbaspirillum huttiense* RCA24 and *Enterobacter cloacae* RCA25 influences the physiological parameters of *Oryza sativa* L. cv. Baldo rice. *Environmental Microbiology* 21(9): 3489–3504. DOI: 10.1111/1462-2920.14688
15. Oliver V, Cochrane N, Magnusson J, Brachi E, Monaco S, Volante A, Courtois B, Valè G, Price A, Teh YA (2019) Effects of water management and cultivar on carbon dynamics, plant productivity and biomass allocation in European rice systems. *Science of the Total Environment* 685: 1139–1151. DOI: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.06.110.

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17. Nghi KN, Tondelli A, Valè G, Tagliani A, Marè C, Perata P, Pucciariello C (2019) Dissection of coleoptile elongation in japonica rice under submergence through integrated genome-wide association mapping and transcriptional analyses. *Plant Cell Environment*, 42:1832–1846. DOI: 10.1111/pce.13540
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19. Borrelli GM, Mazzucotelli E, Marone D, Crosatti C, Michelotti V, Valè G, Mastrangelo AM (2018) Regulation and Evolution of NLR Genes: A Close Interconnection for Plant Immunity. *The International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, 19:1662. DOI: 10.3390/ijms19061662
20. Ben Hassen M, Bartholomé J, Valè G, Cao TV, Ahmadi N (2018) Genomic Prediction accounting for Genotype by Environment Interaction Offers an Effective Framework for Breeding Simultaneously for Adaptation to an Abiotic Stress and Performance Under Normal Cropping Conditions in Rice. *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics*, 8: 2319-2332. DOI: 10.1534/g3.118.200098.
21. Gianinetti A, Finocchiaro F, Bagnaresi P, Zechini A, Faccioli P, Cattivelli L, Valè G, Biselli C (2018) Seed dormancy involves a transcriptional program that supports early plastid functionality during imbibition. *Plants*, 7: 35. DOI: 10.3390/plants7020035
22. Buerstmayr M, Steiner B, Wagner C, Schwarz P, Brugger K, Barabaschi D, Volante A, Valè G, Cattivelli L, Buerstmayr H (2018) High-resolution mapping of the of the peri-centromeric region on wheat chromosome arm 5AS harboring the Fusarium head blight resistance QTL Qfhs.ifa-5A. *Plant Biotechnology Journal*, 16:1046-1056. DOI: 10.1111/pbi.12850
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