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Research interests

My group is interested in studying plants and bacteria with high tolerance to abiotic stress (drought, cold, salinity, among others). We investigate the biochemical, physiological, and molecular mechanisms they use to survive. We have experience with *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Craterostigma plantagineum* as model plants. In recent years we have focused on the study of mosses with extreme protoplasmic tolerance to desiccation, freezing, and very high concentrations of sodium chloride. The models used are the mosses *Pseudocrossidium replicatum*, *Bryum billarderi*, and *Physcomitrella patens*. We are conducting RNAseq studies of *P. replicatum* subjected to different abiotic factors and stimuli (dehydration, rehydration, ABA, NaCl, sorbitol, glucose). The identified genes are currently studied using constitutive and induced overexpression, knockouts, and gene editing mediated by the CRISPR-Cas system.

Employment

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1 Aug 2006 → present

Research outputs

Establishment of in vitro germination of *Distichlis spicata* and response to osmotic stress

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