# SVETA CHAKRABARTI



#### **EXPERIENCE**

2016 - ONWARD - EARLY CAREER FELLOW, IISC, BANGALORE, INDIA I am currently working on the wounding response in Drosophila. I am trying to understand the role of blood cells in inter organ communication, specifically how blood cells sense damage signals and communicate this message to distance tissues after a wound.

2013 - 2014 - POST DOCTORAL FELLOW, EPFL, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND I have extended on my thesis work and discovered the role specifically of a stress activated pathway in controlling not only the immune response but also the lipid homeostasis in the intestine.

2009 - 2013 - GRADUATE STUDIES, EPFL, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND My thesis revealed the cross-talks between stress and immune pathways during microbial infection in the gut. I showed that stress pathways usually contribute to enduring damage caused by infection, but an excessive activation of these pathways contribute to pathogenesis.

2008 - RESEARCH ASSISTANT, GREGOR MENDEL INSTITUTE, VIENNA, AUSTRIA I uncovered the role of a plant kinase in response to abiotic stress using chiefly biochemical approaches.

2007 - 2008 - GRADUATE ROTATIONS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, USA

I finished the mutagenesis of the eye specific gene in Drosophila to create a chimeric protein, and then tested its functional effect on eye development. I optimized the expression of a recombinant Arabidopsis protein, and further tested interactions between its domains. I produced a recombinant bacterial stress chaperone protein for its biochemical characterization.

### **EDUCATION**

- PHD IN LIFE SCIENCES 2013 SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND.
- M.S PLANT MOL. BIOLOGY AND BIOTECH 2007 DEPT. OF PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, INDIA.

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- S. Chakrabarti, and S. S. Visweswariah. Intramacrophage ROS Primes the Innate Immune System via JAK/STAT and Toll Activation. *Cell Reports* 2020. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2020.108368">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2020.108368</a>
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- 8. D. Mittal, **S. Chakrabarti**, A. Sarkar, A. Singh, A. Grover Heat shock factor gene family in rice: genomic organization and transcript expression profiling in response to high temperature, low temperature and oxidative stresses. *Plant Physiology and Biochemistry*. **2009**. 47 (9), 785-795

## **AWARDS**

- Wellcome trust-DBT India Alliance Early Career fellowship for 5 years 2016
- H.J. Muller fellowship to support Graduate studies at Indiana University 2007
- University of Delhi Endowment Scholarship for M.S tuition 2006
- Monsanto Scholarship for M.S tuition 2005

#### REFERENCES

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Prof Irene-Miguel Aliaga, Imperial College London, UK. (i.miguel-aliaga@lms.mrc.ac.uk)

# INVITED TALKS (AS A FELLOW)

- Sheffield Bateson Centre Research Webinar. 21st April, 2021. Host: Dr Iwan Evans.
- 62nd Annual Drosophila Research Conference. 23rd March-1st April, 2021
- TIFR, Hyderabad Research Webinar. 8th January, 2021. Host: Dr Manish Jaiswal.
- 5<sup>th</sup> International Asia-Pacific Drosophila Research Conference in Pune. 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.
- Bangalore Developmental Biology Club. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.
- International Congress of Cell Biology Satellite Meeting "Stem Cell Biology & Disease Models" February 2-3rd, 2018.
- Indian Drosophila Research Conference 3rd Biennial Meeting, IISER Bhopal. 9th and 10th December, 2017.
- Annual Postdoctoral Symposium at NCBS. 17th and 18th November, 2016.

## **SKILLS**

• Good mentoring capabilities • Excellent level in Genetics and Cellular Biology • Good project management, scientific writing and summarization capabilities • Cleared an Indiana University teaching English proficiency exam for non native speakers. • Organize and review the work of lab technicians and students • Bacterial and Drosophila cell culture and manipulation • DNA and RNA isolation. • Transcriptional profiling by quantitative reverse transcription PCR (qRT-PCR) • Statistical analysis of transcriptional data and transformation frequencies • Proteins expression, purification, analysis and Kinase Assays