

Experience of an IRG fellow



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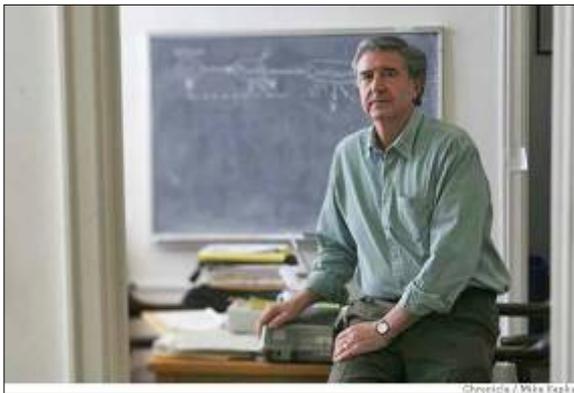
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3-year postdoc at the University of California, Berkeley



Miguel Altieri
Biodiversity & Pest Management



Andrew Gutierrez
Agroecosystem Analysis

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Marie Curie IRG at ENEA, CR Casaccia



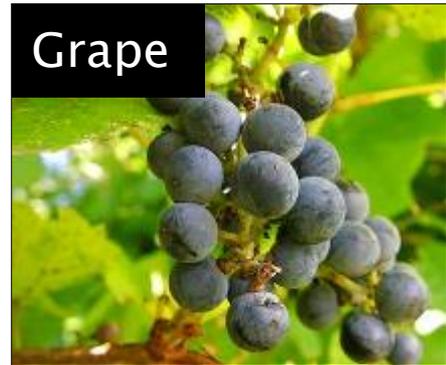
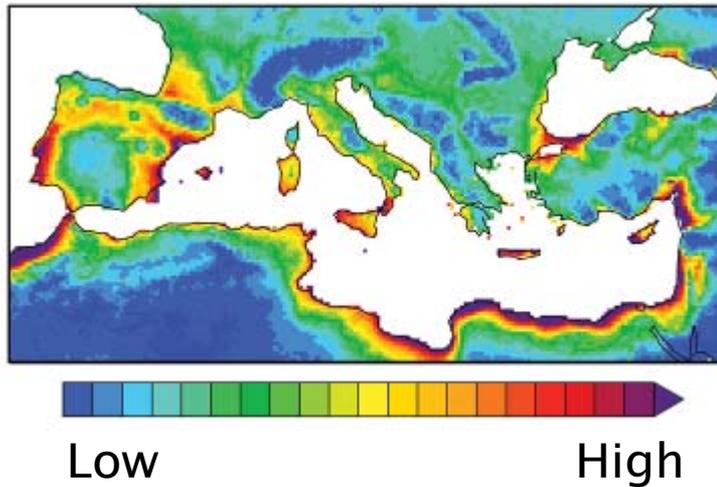
Massimo Iannetta
Combating desertification



Paolo Ruti
Climate modeling

The Mediterranean basin is both a climate change and biodiversity hot spot

Dangerous heat



A unique project in Italy



15 funded in Italy
(3% of 368 funded in 2007)

Mostly medical projects
One ICT and one Energy

**The only one on Environment
and climate change**

Why choose ENEA as host institution?



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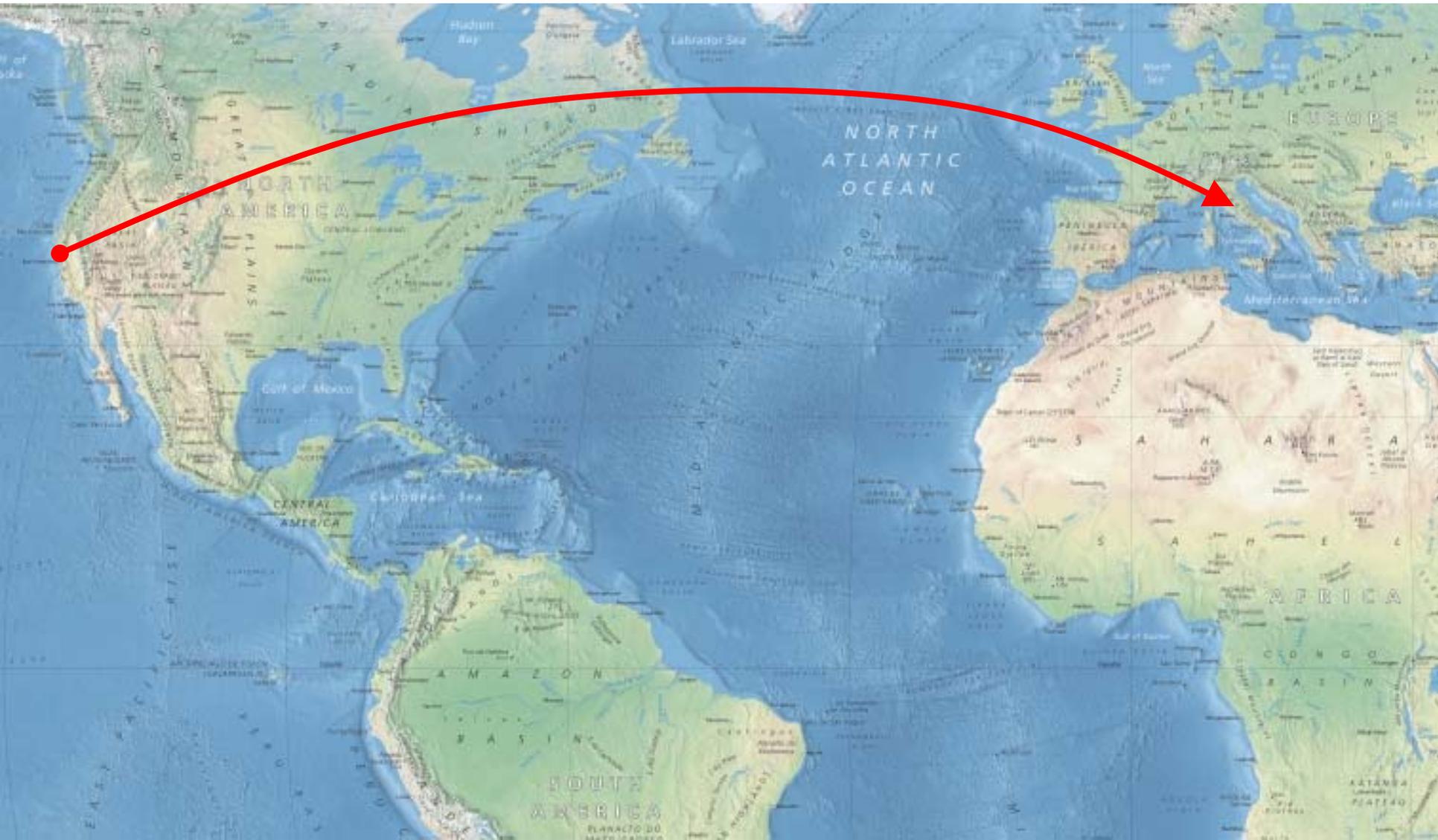
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An interdisciplinary project needs to break (or bridge) disciplinary boundaries

ENEA had the right approach



Four years is a reasonably long time to recover transcontinental mobility



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After getting the grant, you disappear

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As Europe's knowledge-based economy develops and grows, top-level European researchers who have been working in other parts of the world now see bright new career prospects back home.



You are a top-level researcher
and you put it black on white

But nobody knows you wrote the project
from an official FP7 webpage

The host may be unprepared



Internal rules ignoring
existence of Marie Curie IRG

An incredibly valuable time in the career of a researcher



Applicants →

Make clear agreements
with the host institution

Hosts →

Allow the researcher to
concentrate on research

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