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Summary of CV

- Publications in peer-reviewed journals: 246
- Book Chapters: 8 hard copy books & 8 e-Books
- Citations: 6756, h-index 43
- Patents: 2
- Declarations of Invention (DIRVs): 6
- Start-ups (founder): 1 (www.microxpace.com)
- Direction of PhD thesis: 8
- Verified peer-reviews (WoS): 440

Professional websites

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Scientific leadership

Selected as 'TickExpert': <https://www.expertscape.com/ex/ticks>

Selected as 'World's Top 2% Scientists': <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/pathogens/announcements/4792>

Entrepreneurship

Founder and chief scientific officer (CSO), microXpace: www.microxpace.com

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

February 2017-present: Chargé de Recherche de 1^{ère} classe (CRCN, Civil Servant), Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRAE), Maisons-Alfort, France

October 2016-2017: Faculty of Science, University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Czech Republic
Function: Assistant professor

October 2016-2017: Institute of Parasitology, České Budějovice, Czech Republic
Function: PI

2011: Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Function: Internship in the laboratory of Dr. Sophie Van Linthout
Topic: Cell culture and molecular biology

2010: University of Oxford, UK
Function: Visiting Scientist in the laboratory of Prof. Pat Nuttall
Topic: Functional characterization of tick molecules with immune modulator effect

2006 – 2010: Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB), Cuba
Function: Researcher
Topic: Development of recombinant vaccines against the cattle tick *Rhipicephalus microplus*

2001 – 2006: Centre of Molecular immunology (CIM), Cuba
Function: Internship in the laboratory of Dr. Enrique Montero
Topic: Immunology and animal models

EDUCATION

10.2013 – 09.9.2016: PhD in molecular and cellular aspects of biology
University of Lille 2, Institut Pasteur de Lille, Lille, France. “Très honorable avec felicitations” Degree
Dr. Raymond Pierce

01.2014 – 10.10.2014: PhD in basic and applied research in natural resources
University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), Ciudad Real, Spain. Honors Degree (Summa Cum Laude)
Prof. José de la Fuente

04.2012 – 09.2013: Master in Parasitology, MSc
University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Czech Republic. Honors Degree
Prof. Libor Grubhoffer

09.2001 – 06.2006: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, DVM
Agricultural University of Havana (UNAH), Havana, Cuba. Honors Degree
Dr. Dasha Fuentes Morales

OTHER DIPLOMAS

12.01.2018: ‘Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches’ (HDR). Maisons Alfort, France.

20.03.2017 – 31.03.2017: Regulatory Course on Animal Experimentation. Institut Pasteur, Paris, France.

10.2008 – 02. 2009: Biochemical Methods, College of Biological Sciences, University of Havana, Cuba.

06.2008 – 10.2008: Enzymology, College of Biological Sciences, University of Havana, Cuba.

03.2008 – 06.2008: Bio-molecules, College of Biological Sciences, University of Havana, Cuba.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz, an accomplished researcher and lecturer, has significant experience teaching. In particular, he designed and coordinated a comprehensive course on arthropod-microbe interactions (ID: EN - KMB609), which was conducted in English at the University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic, over two consecutive years (2021 and 2022). This teaching experience has significantly honed his pedagogical skills and reinforced his commitment to delivering top-notch education.

The primary objective of the course was to furnish students with a profound understanding of arthropod-microbe interactions, underscoring their paramount importance in both natural ecosystems and biological systems. The course structure comprised ten lectures and two workshops, each meticulously tailored to delve into specific facets of this intricate field. The technical skills covered by this course encompass a broad spectrum, including Bioinformatics, Artificial Intelligence, Statistical Analysis, and Network Analysis. On the scientific front, it covered aspects of Parasitology, Microbiology, Arthropod Biology, Molecular Biology, and Ecosystem Ecology.

PUBLICATIONS

2024

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2. Aželytė J, Maitre A, Abuin-Denis L, Wu-Chuang A, Žiegytė R, Mateos-Hernandez L, Obregon D, Palinauskas V, Cabezas-Cruz A. Nested patterns of commensals and endosymbionts in microbial communities of mosquito vectors. *BMC Microbiol*. 2024;24(1):434.
3. Maitre A, Mateos-Hernandez L, Azagi T, Foucault-Simonin A, Rakotobe S, Zajac Z, Banović P, Porcelli S, Heckmann A, Galon C, Sprong H, Moutailler S, Cabezas-Cruz A, and Fogaça AC. *Rickettsia helvetica* in C3H/HeN mice: a model for studying pathogen- host interactions. *Heliyon*. 10 (18): e37931.
4. Maitre A, Kratou M, Corona-Guerrero I, Abuin-Denis L, Mateos-Hernández L, Mosqueda J, Almazan C, Said MB, Piloto-Sardiñas E, Obregon D, Cabezas-Cruz A. Differential interactions of *Rickettsia* species with tick microbiota in *Rh. sanguineus* and *Rh. turanicus*. *Scientific Reports*. 14, 20674.
5. Zeb J, Song B, Khan MA, Senbill H, Aziz MU, Hussain S, Sánchez AAD, Cabezas-Cruz A, Alzahrani A, Alshehri M, Alghamdi RM, Sparagano OA. Genetic diversity of tick-borne zoonotic pathogens in ixodid ticks collected from small ruminants in Northern Pakistan. *MEEGID*. 105663.
6. Kratou M, Maitre A, Abuin-Denis L, Piloto-Sardiñas E, Corona-Guerrero I, Cano-Argüelles AL, Wu-Chuang A, Bamgbose T, Almazan C, Mosqueda J, Obregón D, Mateos-Hernández L, Said MB, Cabezas-Cruz A. Disruption of bacterial interactions and community assembly in *Babesia*-infected *Haemaphysalis longicornis* following antibiotic treatment. *BMC Microbiology*. 24(1):322.
7. Skičková S, Kratou M, Svobodová K, Maitre A, Abuin-Denis L, Wu-Chuang A, Obregón D, Ben Said M, Majláthová V, Krejčí A, Cabezas-Cruz A. Functional redundancy and niche specialization in honeybee and *Varroa* microbiomes. *International Microbiology*. doi: 10.1007/s10123-024-00582-y.

8. Cano-Argüelles AL, Piloto-Sardiñas E, Maitre A, Mateos-Hernández L, Maye J, Wu-Chuang A, Abuin-Denis L, Obregon D, Bamgbose T, Oleaga A, Cabezas-Cruz A*, Pérez-Sánchez R*. Microbiota-driven vaccination in soft ticks: implications for survival, fitness and reproductive capabilities in *Ornithodoros moubata*. **Molecular Ecology**. e17506. *joint corresponding authors.
9. Sándor Ad, Corduneanu A, Orlova M, Hornok S, Cabezas-Cruz A, Foucault-Simonin A, Kulisz J, Zajac Z, Borzan M. Diversity of bartonellae in mites (Acari: Mesostigmata: Macronyssidae and Spinturnicidae) of boreal forest bats: effect of host specificity of mites and habitat selection of hosts on vector potential. **Medical and Veterinary Entomology**. doi: 10.1111/mve.12757.
10. Banović P, Jakimovski D, Bogdan I, Simin V, Mijatović D, Bosilkovski M, Mateska S, Díaz-Sánchez AA, Foucault-Simonin A, Zajac Z, Kulisz J, Moutailler S, Cabezas-Cruz A. Tick-borne diseases at the crossroads of the Middle East and central Europe. **Infectious Diseases Now**. 54(6):104959.
11. Porcelli S, Heckmann A, Deshuillers P, Wu-Chuang A, Galon C, Mateos-Hernandez L, Rakotobe S, Canini L, Rego R, Šimo L, Lagrée AC, **Cabezas-Cruz A**, Moutailler S. Co-infection dynamics of *B. afzelii* and TBEV in C3H mice: insights and implications for future research. **Infection and Immunity**. e0024924. doi: 10.1128/iai.00249-24.
12. Abuin-Denis L, Piloto-Sardiñas E, Maitre A, Wu-Chuang A, Mateos-Hernández L, Paulino PG, Bello Y, Bravo FL, Gutierrez AA, Fernández RR, Castillo AF, Mellor LM, Foucault-Simonin A, Obregon D, Estrada-García MP, Rodríguez-Mallon A, **Cabezas-Cruz A**. Differential nested patterns of *Anaplasma marginale* and *Coxiella*-like endosymbiont across *Rhipicephalus microplus* ontogeny. **Microbiol Res**. 2024; 286:127790. doi: 10.1016/j.micres.2024.127790.
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14. Wu-Chuang A, Mateos-Hernandez L, Abuin-Denis L, Maitre A, Avellanet J, García A, Fuentes D, **Cabezas-Cruz A**. Exploring the impact of breast cancer on colonization resistance of mouse microbiota using network node manipulation. **Heliyon**. 10(10), e30914.
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18. Grujić J, Budakov-Obradović Z, Klačnja J, Dinić R, Dolinaj V, **Cabezas-Cruz A**, Banović P. 2024. Blood Group Variations in COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma and Regular Blood Donors: A Comparative Analysis in the Serbian Population. **Microorganisms**. 12(5), 915.
19. Zajac Z, Kulisz J, Woźniak A, Obregon D, Foucault-Simonin A, Bartosik K, Moutailler S, **Cabezas-Cruz A**. 2024. Spatial distribution and pathogen profile of *Dermacentor reticulatus* ticks in southeastern Poland: a genetic and environmental analysis. **Transboundary and Emerging Diseases**. Article ID 5458278.

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23. Antúnez MP, Montesinos JCM, Corduneanu A, Obregón D, Moutailler S, **Cabezas-Cruz A**. 2024. Tick-borne viruses and their risk to public health in the Caribbean: spotlight on bats as reservoirs in Cuba. *Heliyon*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2024.e26118>.
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31. Banovic P, Mijatović D, Bogdan I, Simin V, Meletis E, Kostoulas P, Rus KR, Knap N, Korva M, Zupanc TA, **Cabezas-Cruz A**. 2023. Evidence of tick-borne encephalitis virus neutralizing antibodies in Serbian individuals exposed to tick bites. *Frontiers in Microbiology*. 14:1314538.

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34. Ghafar A, **Cabezas-Cruz A**. 2023. Ticking off the Tick Vectors: *Rhipicephalus microplus* Fails to Transmit *Theileria orientalis*. **Pathogens**. 12(11):1311. doi: 10.3390/pathogens12111311.
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37. Jakimovski D, Grozdanovski K, Pavleva V, Banovic V, **Cabezas-Cruz A**, Spasovska K. 2023. Emergence of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever in North Macedonia, July 2023. **Eurosurveillance**. 28(34):pii=2300409.
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39. Wu-Chuang A, Hartmann D, Maitre A, Mateos-Hernández L, Frantová H, Urbanová V, Obregon D, **Cabezas-Cruz A**, Perner J. 2023. Low microbial community complexity in adult stages and female midguts of *Dermanyssus gallinae*. **Microbial Ecol**. DOI: 10.1007/s00248-023-02244-4.
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Patents

-NEW PEPTIDES WITH EFFICIENT ANTIFUNGAL AND ANTI-MYCOTOXIN ACTIVITY : TICK DEFENSIN GAMMA-CORE INHIBITS MYCOTOXIN PRODUCTION AND GROWTH OF FUSARIUM GRAMINEARUM.

Inventors: **Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz**, Florence Forget and Vessela Atanasova.

Status : Patent (filed): No. dépôt France FR2004090.

-THE PROBIOTIC BACTERIUM ESCHERICHIA COLI NISSLE 1917 DECREASES THE SEVERITY OF MAJOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN ANIMALS LACKING ENDOGENOUS CARBOHYDRATE ALPHA-GAL.

Inventors: **Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz**, Luis Bermudez-Humaran, Lourdes Mateos-Hernández, Verónica Risco-Castillo, Astrid Holzer, Edgar Torres-Maravilla, José de la Fuente and Jacques Guillot.

Status : Patent (filed): No. dépôt EU: 20305597.5.

Editorial activity and contribution as reviewer

Section Editor-in-Chief:

Section *Arachnid Microbiota and Diseases*, Frontiers in Arachnid Science

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/arachnid-science/sections/arachnid-microbiota-and-diseases>

Section Editor-in-Chief:

Section *Ticks*, Pathogens

<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/pathogens/sections/Ticks>

Guest Editor (Selected):

New Frontiers in Tick Research:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/pathogens/special_issues/New_Frontiers_in_Tick_Research

Biological Drivers Of Vector-Pathogen Interactions (I):

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/9511/biological-drivers-of-vector-pathogen-interactions>

Biological Drivers Of Vector-Pathogen Interactions (II):

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/27154/biological-drivers-of-vector-pathogen-interactions---vol-ii>

Contribution as reviewer of peer-reviewed scientific articles

Verified reviews (Publons): 484

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Contribution as reviewer of research grant agencies

The Czech Science Foundation (GACR)

Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)

National Center of Science and Technology Evaluation (NCSTE)

Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (SFRS)

Outreach

de la Fuente, J., Cabezas-Cruz, A. 2019. Alpha-Gal syndrome. Trade-off between allergy and protection to infectious diseases. Research Outreach 110. <https://researchoutreach.org/articles/alpha-gal-syndrome-trade-off-between-allergy-protection-infectious-diseases/>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024:** Balkan Association for Vector Borne Diseases, Novi Sad, Serbia
2do. Congreso Nacional Impactos y Estrategias de Prevención y Control de la Caligidosis en la Salmonicultura Chilena, Puerto Varas, Chile
Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
- 2023:** Behaviour and Evolution Seminar, Bielefeld University, Germany, 24 May
V Congreso Internacional AGROCIENCIA 2023, Varadero, Cuba, June
Montpellier Ecology and Evolution Seminars (SEEM), Montpellier, France
- 2022:** TTP10, *Keynote speaker, Romania, 24-28 August
BioTick2022, *Keynote speaker, Cuba, 27-31 March
Jornada de inmunología veterinaria, Symposium (online), Mexico, 31 August-1 September
University of São Paulo, Seminar (online), Brazil, 19 August
'International Symposium on Research and Postgraduate Studies in Natural Sciences', Symposium (online), Mexico, 20 May
- 2021:** FÉRI 2021, Journées d'Animation Scientifique, France, 5-6 July
Justus Liebig University Giessen, Giessen, Germany
Arthromint, virtual meeting, Brazil, 4-5 August
CVET 7029 –Epidemiology of Vector-Borne Diseases, virtual meeting, Brazil, 27 September-1 August
Arthropod vectors and vector-borne diseases: a One Health perspective, Webinar (online), 1 September
- 2018:** ICOPA, *Keynote speaker, South Korea, 19-24 August
Institut für Parasitologie, Wien, Austria
- 2017:** Justus Liebig University Giessen, Giessen, Germany
Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Lisbon, Portugal
Veterinary Research Institute, Brno, Czech Republic
South Bohemia University, České Budějovice, Czech Republic
- 2016:** Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Jena, Germany
- 2015:** Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Lisbon, Portugal

COMPETITIVE FUNDING

2023

2023-2025 - Carlos Chagas Filho Foundation for Research Support in the State of Rio de Janeiro (FAPERJ), grant Proc. E-26/210.149/2023 (SEI-260003/001754/2023 - APQ1). Blocking the transmission of *Theileria equi* by anti-microbiota vaccines. R\$ 755.394,00. Participant (Researcher) - Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2022

2022-2026: EU-funded COST Action, grant CA21170. Prevention, anticipation and mitigation of tick-borne disease risk applying the DAMA protocol (PRAGMATICK). ca. 500,000 €. Project coordinator: Dr. Gábor Földvári - participant Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2022-2025: Research Council of Lithuania, grant S-MIP-22-52. Natural anti- α -Gal antibodies and the protection against avian malaria. 149,994 €. Project PI: Dr. Vaidas Palinauskas, co-PI Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2022-2026: Austrian Science Fund (FWF), grant (Einzelprojekte) P 36130. The impact of the tick gut microbiome on *Ixodes ricinus* vector competence for *Borrelia afzelii*. 408,560.25 €. Project PI: Dr. Adnan Hodžić, Collaboration partner - Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2022-2023: Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq), grant 402234/2022-7 (6748207135527005). Blocking the transmission of *Theileria equi* by anti-microbiota vaccines. R\$ 73,598. Project PI: Prof. Huarrisson Azevedo Santos, Collaboration partner - Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz.

2021

2021-2024: LabEx IBEID – Integrative Biology of Emerging Infectious Diseases, Pasteur Institute, Paris with contribution of ENVA and ANSES. New insights on tick-borne pathogen co-infections. 635,000 €, PIs - Sara Moutailler, Ladislav Simo and Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2019

2019-2021: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) of the Czech Republic. (grant number CZ.02.2.69/0.0/0.0/17_050/0008489). COEVOTICK: Experimental evolution of coinfections by tick-borne pathogens. 4,000,000 CZK (154,860 €), PI - Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz. Declined by PI

2019-2021: Consejería de Educación, Cultura y Deportes, JCCM, grant CCM17-PIC-036 (SBPLY/17/180501/000185). Characterization of the immune response to alpha-Gal and applications for the control of infectious diseases. Scientific coordinator: Jose de la Fuente (IREC, Spain). 154,000 €, Participant (Researcher) - Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2018

2018-2020: DIM1Health, Neural basis of tick-pathogen interactions, 103,600 €, PIs - Ladislav Simo and Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

2018: INRA young researcher grant, Tick-borne pathogens coinfections, 10,000 €, PI -Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023: Cuban Academy of Sciences Award

2020: Cuban Academy of Sciences Award

2019: Prize, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of the Republic of Cuba (CITMA)

Outstanding Reviewer Award, Publons

Cuban Academy of Sciences Award

2018: Prize, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of the Republic of Cuba (CITMA)

Outstanding Reviewer Award, Publons

2017: Odile Bain Memorial Prize (OBMP)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence.

Outstanding Reviewer Award, Publons

2016: Outstanding Reviewer Award, Publons

2015: Outstanding Reviewer Award, Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases
2013 – 2016: Doctoral Scholarship, University of Lille 2 (€ 46 800)
2012: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Scholarship (€ 81 022) (Early-Stage Researcher)
2010: Cuban Academy of Sciences Award

THESIS DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS

2023 – Present: Director of **PhD Thesis** of Lianet ABUIN-DENIS

Institution: University Paris-Est, France

Thesis: Pathogen manipulation of microbiota-mediated modulation of tick neurophysiology.

2023 – Present: Co-director of **PhD Thesis** of Elianne PILOTO-SARDIÑAS

Institution: University of Havana, Cuba

Thesis: Characterization of the tick microbiome as a strategy to identify key taxa whose manipulation modifies their vectorial capacity.

2021 – Present: Co-director of **PhD Thesis** of Justė AŽELYTĖ

Institution: The Nature Research Centre, Lithuania

Thesis: Anti-microbiota vaccines against avian malaria.

2021 – Present: Co-supervisor of **PhD Thesis** of Caina NING

Institution: EnvA, France

Thesis: Cholinomimetic-mediated activities of peptidergic neurons innervating the salivary glands of the tick *Ixodes ricinus*.

2021 – 2024: Director of **PhD Thesis** of Apolline MAÎTRE

Institution: EnvA, France

Thesis: Anti-microbiota vaccines for the control of tick-borne pathogens affecting livestock in Corsica.

2021 – 2022: Director of **PhD Thesis** of Alejandra WU-CHUANG

Institution: University Paris-Saclay, France

Thesis: Anti-tick microbiota vaccines: a novel approach for the control of tick-borne pathogens.

2021: Director of **Master 2 Thesis** of Lianet ABUIN DENIS

Institution: Sorbonne Université, France

Thesis: Tick-microbiota-pathogen interactions: opportunities for tick-borne pathogens control.

2021: Director of **Master 2 Thesis** of Mouna Naila AZZOUNI

Institution: Université de Paris-Est Creteil Val de Marne, France

Thesis: Modulation of anti- α -Gal immunity as a One Health approach for the control of infectious diseases.

2020: Director of **Master 2 Thesis** of Youman AL BAYDA

Institution: Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France

Thesis: Selection of specific aptamers for tick α -Gal detection.

2019 – 2022: Co-director of **PhD Thesis** of Ivan Pacheco Carrillo

Institution: University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

Thesis: Characterization of the vector-host interaction for the control of infectious diseases.

2018 – Present: Co-supervisor of **Postdoctoral** fellow Lourdes Mateos-Hernández

Institution: INRAE-ANSES, France

Project: Alpha-Gal syndrome, trade-off between allergy and protection to infectious diseases.

2019 – 2021: Co-supervisor of **Postdoctoral** fellow Andrea Gomez-Chamorro

Institution: INRAE (France)-Oxford University (UK)

Project: Experimental evolution of coinfections by tick-borne pathogens.

2017 – 2019: Co-director of **PhD Thesis**. Pedro Jose Espinosa Prados

Institution: University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

Thesis: Host-pathogen interactions in *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*.

2018: Director of **Master Thesis** of Eléonore ALLAIN

Institution: University of Bordeaux, France

Thesis: Detection of pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria associated to ticks.

2017: Co-director of **Undergraduate Thesis** of Myriam Denoual*

Institution: Nantes-Atlantic National College of Veterinary Medicine, Food Science and Engineering (Oniris Nantes), France

Thesis: Molecular characterization of *Anaplasma ovis* from an anaplasmosis outbreak in goats from Corsica, France.

***Thesis proposed by the Academy of Veterinary Sciences of France (l'Académie Vétérinaire de France, AVF) to be awarded the prize Xavier Bernard.**

2016 – 2018: Director of **Undergraduate Thesis** of Sewmi Madu and Julia Gobl

Institution: University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic

Thesis: Role of Histone Modifying Enzymes in the embryogenesis of the soft tick *Ornithodoros moubata*.

MEMBER OF THESIS COMMITTEE

2023: Hala Mansour,

Institution: University of Lille, France.

Degree: PhD

Thesis: Etude de la fonction de GEXP15, une protéine régulatrice de la protéine Phosphatase 1, dans le cycle de développement intraérythrocytaire de *Plasmodium falciparum*.

Role: Examiner

2022: Vincent Cicculi,

Institution: Università di Corsica Pasquale Paoli, France.

Degree: PhD

Thesis: HOLIS-Tick: Identification et maîtrise des maladies vectorielles transmises par les tiques en Corse.

Role: Rapporteur

2022: Valentin Leannec-Riolland,

Institution: University of Bordeaux, France.

Degree: PhD

Thesis: Tick defensin γ -core reduces *Fusarium graminearum* growth and abrogates mycotoxins production with high efficiency.

Role: Invitee

2021: Sara Artigas Jeronimo,

Institution: University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain.

Degree: PhD

Thesis: Multi-Omics approaches to the study of cellular biological processes and vaccine development.

Role: Rapporteur

2021: Jorge Alonso Carné,

Institution: University of Zaragoza, Spain.

Degree: PhD

Thesis: Utilización de la teledetección para la modelización y control de presencia de garrapatas en un proceso de cambio climático. Validación de variables y relaciones fenológicas.

Role: Rapporteur

2020: Pavlína Věchtová,

Institution: University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic.

Degree: PhD

Thesis: Comparative transcriptomics of *Ixodes ricinus* tick life stages.

Role: Rapporteur

2016: Lisa Hain, Bachelor Thesis.

Institution: University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic.

Degree: Master

Thesis: Understanding the role of bb0454 during infection by *Borrelia afzelii*.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP - PRESENTATIONS/POSTERS (Selected)

- 2024:** The Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD), Chicago, United States
16th European Bat Research Symposium (EBRS-2024), Tarragona, Spain
EMOP 2024 Wroclaw, Poland
Labex IBEID International Conference, Adapting to Change: Emerging Infectious Diseases in a Shifting Climate, Paris, France
- 2023:** V Congreso Internacional de las Ciencias Agropecuarias AGROCIENCIAS, Varadero, Cuba
European Veterinary Parasitology College meeting (EVPC), Maisons-Alfort, France
Journées scientifiques et doctorales de l'Anses (JSDA), Maisons-Alfort, France
10th Conference of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology (CSBSP10), Tartu, Estonia
1st Simposion Internacional 'Garrapatas, vectores de interes veterinario e innovacion para su control', Queretaro, Mexico
Ondo 2023 Pharma Food Congress - Functional Food and Phytomedicines: Promoting Translational Research for Societal Impact, Ondo, Nigeria
15th International Symposium on Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases (ISTTBD-XV), Weimar, Germany
- 2021:** 7th European Veterinary Immunology Workshop
- 2020:** de la Fuente J, Urra JM, Ferreras-Colino E, Contreras M, Cabrera CM, de Mera IGF, Villar M, **Cabezas-Cruz A**, Gortázar C. 2020. Immunity to glycan alpha-Gal and COVID-19: possibilities for disease control and prevention. SciTech Central COVID-19. 11th International Virtual Seminar on COVID-19.
<https://www.scitcentralconferences.com/accepteddetails/international-virtual-seminar-on-covid-19/1151>
- 2019:** Organization of FCTM 1. Maisons-Alfort, France
[https://www.paru.cas.cz/novinky/novinka/5022-french-czech-tick-meeting-1-fctm-1-/,](https://www.paru.cas.cz/novinky/novinka/5022-french-czech-tick-meeting-1-fctm-1-/)
<https://www.vet-alfort.fr/actualites-de-l-ecole/deux-jours-consacres-aux-tiques>
BioTick2019, Varadero, Cuba (ORAL PRESENTATION)
13th International Symposium on Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases 2019, Weimar, Germany (ORAL PRESENTATION)
- 2018:** ICOPA, Daegu, South Korea (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)
Tick and Tick-Borne Pathogens Seminar Series, Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic (ORAL PRESENTATION)
- 2017:** IX International Conference on Ticks and Tick-borne Pathogens (TTP-9), Cairns, Australia (ORAL

PRESENTATION)

International Congress on Rickettsia and other Intracellular Bacteria (ESCCAR) 2017, Marseille, France (ORAL PRESENTATION)

Neglected Vectors and Vector-Borne Diseases (EurNegVec): COST Action TD1303, Crete, Greece (ORAL PRESENTATION)

ENVA research day, Maisons Alfort, France (ORAL PRESENTATION)

2016: Workshop on Arthropod-Borne Diseases, Jena, Germany (ORAL PRESENTATION)

2015: Molecular and Cellular Biology of Helminths IX, Hydra, Greece (POSTER)

2014: VIII International Conference on Ticks and Tick-borne Pathogens (TTP-8), Cape Town, South Africa (POSTER)

2013: II Tick-borne diseases workshop, Berlin, Germany (ORAL PRESENTATION)

International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets (ISEP) conference 2013, Munich, Germany (ORAL PRESENTATION)

XII. International Jena Symposium on Tick-Borne Diseases, Jena, Germany (POSTER)

2012: POSTICK immunology workshop, Research Center Borstel, Borstel, Germany (ORAL PRESENTATION)

Joint conference on emerging and reemerging epidemics affecting global health, Orvieto, Italy (POSTER)

Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) and Marie Curie Actions Conferences, Dublin, Ireland

I Tick-borne diseases workshop, Berlin, Germany (ORAL PRESENTATION)

POSTICK bioinformatics workshop, University of Glasgow Veterinary School, Glasgow, UK