

**Curriculum vitae**  
Luisa Lanfranco

**Present position:** Full Professor at the University of Turin and Member of the Ph.D School Biology and Applied Biotechnology

**Education**

Laurea in Scienze Biologiche cum laude University of Turin  
Ph.D in Biology and Biotechnology of Fungi, University of Turin

**Teaching activities**

Plant Biology, Plant Molecular Biology and Plant Biotechnology in I and II level courses

**Scientific activities**

The scientific activity has been focused on plant-microbe interactions with particular attention to the arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) symbiosis which involves fungi belonging to the Glomeromycotina group and the roots of most land plants.

Current specific research topics:

- Characterization of plant and fungal molecular determinants, including small RNAs, at the basis of the symbiosis establishment
- Evaluation of the local and systemic effect of the AM symbiosis and its role in the response to biotic stress, in particular infection by viral pathogens, and abiotic stress
- Study of the role of strigolactones and apocarotenoid-derived signaling molecules on plant biology and biotic interactions
- The virome of AM fungi
- Biodiversity of plant-microbe interactions in urban environments.

The scientific activities have been carried out within national (60%, PRIN, Progetti Regione Biobit, CIPE B74; Progetto Ateneo SLEPS; National Biodiversity Future Center, PNRR) and international (European projects IMPACT, GENOMYCA, FUNGIMYC, TOMRES, SOIL-HEAL) projects and within collaboration with Italian and foreign research groups.

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