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Ph.D. in Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University. 2008. Ingeniero Agrónomo (BS/MS in Agriculture), Univ. of the Republic, Uruguay. 2001

Recent academic positions

2013- current – Director, Environmental Systems Dept., Col. Ag. UDELAR-UY

2009-current – Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Center in Response to Climate Variability and Change, Interdisciplinary Space, Univ. of the Republic, Uruguay (UDELAR-UY)

2012 – Visiting Scientist with E. Kebreab, Anim. Sci. Dept., UC Davis, USA, 3 months.

2012-current – Adj. Prof. and Coord., Environ. Systems Unit, Col. Ag., UDELAR-UY

2010 – Visiting Scientist with H. Meinke, Wageningen Univ., Netherlands, 5 months.

2008-current – Adj. Professor, Dept. Anim. & Pasture Prod., Col. Ag., UDELAR-UY

2008-12 - Director of Graduate Studies, College of Agriculture, UDELAR-UY

Recent Scientific Peer Reviewed Publications

Llanos, E., L. Astigarraga, R. Jacques, & V. PICASSO. 2013. Eficiencia energética de sistemas lecheros del Uruguay. *Agrociencia Uruguay* (in press).

Modernell, P., L. Astigarraga, & V. PICASSO. 2013. Global versus local environmental impacts of grazing and confined beef production systems. *Env. Res. Lett.* 8:035052

Connolly, J.; Bell, (...); V. PICASSO; et al. 2013. An improved model to predict the effects of changing biodiversity levels on ecosystem function. *J. Ecology* 101:344-55

Dini, Y.; J.Gere; C.Briano; M.Manetti; P.Juliarena; V. PICASSO; R.Gratton; L. Astigarraga. 2012. Methane Emission and Milk Production of Dairy Cows Grazing Pastures Rich in Legumes or Rich in Grasses in Uruguay. *Animals* 2, 288-300.

PICASSO, V., et al. 2011. Robustness of livestock farmers to climate variability: a case study in Uruguay. *Proceedings of the V WCCA & III FSDC, Brisbane, Australia.*

Delaplante, K. & V. PICASSO. 2011. The Biodiversity–Ecosystem Function Debate in Ecology. In: *HPS(11):Phil. of Ecology*. Eds: Gabbay, Thagard & Woods. Elsevier.

Awards and Fellowships

National Researchers System, SNI- ANII, Uruguay (2009 & 2011) ISU Excellence in Graduate Research Award (2005), ISU Teaching Excellence Award (2006), Fulbright Fellowship (2002-04), IIE and Fulbright Commission, USA

+40 Abstracts in Conferences. 8 graduate students. 12 University courses taught.