

# Ilaria Prosdocimi - Curriculum Vitae 2021

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## EDUCATION

**Faculty of Sciences, K.U. Leuven, Belgium**

PhD, *Mathematics - Statistics*, November 2010

**Faculty of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova, Italy**

Second level degree (Master), *Statistical, Social and Demographical Sciences*, October 2006

First level degree (Bachelor), *Statistics, Population and Society*, June 2004

## WORK EXPERIENCE - ACADEMIC

**Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics - Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy**

**Montalcini Lecturer in Statistics** *January 2019 - present*

**Department of Mathematical Sciences - University of Bath, UK**

**Lecturer in Statistics** *April 2016 - January 2019*

**Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Natural Environment Research Council, UK**

**Statistician** *July 2012 - March 2016*

## WORK EXPERIENCE - OTHER

**Janssen Pharmaceutica, Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson, Belgium**

**Phase 1 Statistician** *January 2011 - May 2012*

**Faculty of Sciences, K.U. Leuven, Belgium**

**Consulting Statistician** *November 2009 - December 2010*

## SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

### Research proposal

Awarded:

- Levi Montalcini Fellowship: a fellowship from the Italian government to enable scientists who are settled abroad to take up an academic post in Italy.
- DIFFER: Developing Innovative Flood Frequency Estimation for a Resilient nation - National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Fellowship covering full salary from January 2018 to June 2021 (3.5 years). Award not completed due to the move to Italy.

### Selected papers in international and peer reviewed journals

1. Giuntoli, Prosdocimi and Hannah (2021) Going beyond the ensemble mean: assessment of future floods from global multi-models. *Water Resources Research*, 57.3, doi:10.1029/2020WR027897
2. Kjeldsen and Prosdocimi (2021) Assessment of trends in hydrological extremes using regional magnification factors. *Advances in Water Resources*, 149, doi:10.1016/j.advwatres.2021.103852
3. Hesarkazzazi, ..., Prosdocimi, Castellarin and Sitzenfrei (2021). Stationary vs non-stationary modelling of flood frequency distribution across northwest England. *Hydrological Sciences Journal*, 66, 4, 729–744, doi:10.1080/02626667.2021.1884685
4. Prosdocimi and Kjeldsen (2021) Parametrisation of change-permitting extreme value models and its impact on the description of change. *Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment*, 35, 307–24, doi:10.1007/s00477-020-01940-8
5. Barnes, Santos, Garijo, Mediero, Prosdocimi, McCullen and Kjeldsen (2019) Identifying the origins of extreme rainfall using storm track classification. *Journal of Hydroinformatics*; 22(2), 296–309. doi:10.2166/hydro.2019.164

6. Prosdocimi, Dupont, Augustin, Kjeldsen, Simpson and Smith (2019) Areal models for spatially coherent trend detection: The case of British peak river flows. *Geophysical Research Letters*, **46**, doi:10.1029/2019GL085142
7. Brady, Faraway and Prosdocimi (2019) Attribution of long-term changes in peak river flows in Great Britain. *Hydrological Sciences Journal*, **64**, 10, 1159–1170, doi:10.1080/02626667.2019.1628964
8. Slater, Thirel, Harrigan, Delaigue, Hurley, Khouakhi, Prosdocimi, Vitolo, and Smith (2019) Using R in hydrology: a review of recent developments and future directions, *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, **23**, 2939–2963, doi:10.5194/hess-23-2939-2019
9. Kjeldsen, Prosdocimi and Ahn (2018). Mixture Gumbel models for extreme series including infrequent phenomena. *Hydrological Sciences Journal*, **63**, 1927–1940,
10. Prosdocimi (2018). German tanks and historical records: the estimation of the time coverage of ungauged extreme events. *Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment*, **32**, 607–622, doi:10.1007/s00477-017-1418-8
11. Formetta, Prosdocimi, Stewart and Bell (2018). Estimating the index flood with continuous hydrological models: an application in Great Britain. *Hydrology Research*, **49**, 123–133, doi:10.2166/nh.2017.251
12. Kjeldsen and Prosdocimi (2018). Assessing the element of surprise of record-breaking flood events. *Journal of Flood Risk Management*, **11**, 5541–5553, doi:10.1111/jfr3.12260
13. Bachmair, Svensson, Prosdocimi, Hannaford and Stahl (2017). Developing drought impact functions for drought risk management, *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences (NHES)*, **17**, 1947–1960, doi:10.5194/nhess-17-1947-2017
14. Kjeldsen, Ahn and Prosdocimi (2017). On the use of a four-parameter kappa distribution in regional frequency analysis. *Hydrological Sciences Journal*, **62**, 9, 1354–1363, doi:10.1080/02626667.2017.1335400
15. Prosdocimi, Stewart and Vesuviano (2017). A Depth-Duration-Frequency analysis for Short Duration Rainfall Events in England and Wales, *Hydrology Research*, **48**, 1624–1638, doi:10.2166/nh.2017.140.
16. Svensson, Hannaford and Prosdocimi (2017). Statistical distributions for monthly aggregations of precipitation and streamflow in drought indicator applications, *Water Resources Research*. **53**, 999–1018 doi:10.1002/2016WR019276
17. Requena, Prosdocimi, Kjeldsen and Mediero (2017). A bivariate trend analysis to investigate the effect of increasing urbanisation on flood characteristics, *Hydrology Research*. **48**(3), 802–821, doi:10.2166/nh.2016.105
18. Prosdocimi, Kjeldsen and Miller (2015). Detection and attribution of urbanization effect on flood extremes using nonstationary flood-frequency models, *Water Resources Research*, **51**, 4244–4262, doi:10.1002/2015WR017065. **Note:** this paper was short-listed for the STAHY (Statistical Hydrology) Best Paper Award in 2019.
19. Kjeldsen and Prosdocimi (2015). A bivariate extension of the Hosking and Wallis goodness-of-fit measure for regional distributions. *Water Resources Research*, **51**, 896–907, doi:10.1002/2014WR015912.
20. Keller, Tanguy, Prosdocimi *et al.* (2015). CEH-GEAR: 1 km resolution daily and monthly areal rainfall estimates for the UK for hydrological and other applications, *Earth System Science Data*, **7**, 143–155, doi:10.5194/essd-7-143-2015.
21. Prosdocimi, Kjeldsen and Svensson (2014). Non-stationarity in annual and seasonal series of peak flow and precipitation in the UK. *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*, **14**, 1125–1144. doi:10.5194/nhess-14-1125-2014
22. Macdonald, Kjeldsen, Prosdocimi and Sangster (2014). Reassessing flood frequency For the Sussex Ouse, Lewes: the Inclusion of historical Flood Information since AD 1650. *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*, **14**, 2817–2828, doi:10.5194/nhessd-1-7615-2013.
23. Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2012). Flexible Mean and Dispersion Function Estimation in Extended Generalized Additive Models, *Communications in Statistics-Theory and Methods*, **41**, 3259–3277, doi:10.1080/03610926.2012.654881.
24. Croux, Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2011). Robust estimation of mean and dispersion functions in Extended Generalized Additive Models. *Biometrics*, **68**, 31–44, doi:10.1111/j.1541-0420.2011.01630.x.

25. Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2010). Loess, Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Computational Statistics, 2, 590–599, doi:10.1002/wics.104.
26. Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2010). Smooth estimation of mean and dispersion function in extended Generalized Additive Models with application to Italian Induced Abortion data. *Journal of Applied Statistics*, **38**, 2391–2411, doi:10.1080/02664763.2010.550039.
27. Gijbels, Prosdocimi and Claeskens (2010). Nonparametric estimation of mean and dispersion functions in extended Generalized Linear Models. *Test*, **19**, 580–608, doi:10.1007/s11749-010-0187-1.

### Conference Proceedings

1. Prosdocimi and Gaetan (2020) Trends in rainfall extremes in the Venice lagoon catchment. *Book of short papers - SIS 2020 - ISBN:9788891910776*
2. Brady, Faraway and Prosdocimi (2018) Attribution of large-scale drivers of peak river flows in Ireland. *Proceedings of the 33rd International Workshop on Statistical Modelling, Bristol UK*.
3. Prosdocimi, Stewart, Faulkner, and Mitchell (2016). FEH Local: Improving flood estimates using historical data. E3S Web of Conferences, 7 doi:10.1051/e3sconf/20160701006

### Reports for government bodies

- Dixon, Faulkner, Fry *et al.* (2017). *Making better use of local data in flood frequency estimation*, ISBN 978-1-84911-387-8, – report to the Environment Agency for project SC130009/R. (Contributor for the statistical methods in the report)
- Prosdocimi, Vesuviano, Stewart, Svensson. *Depth-duration-frequency analysis for short-duration rainfall events* – report to the Environment Agency for project SC090031 “Estimating flood peaks and hydrographs for small catchments (Phase 2)”. (Lead Author)
- HR Wallingford, *HR Wallingford for the ASC: Updated projections for water availability for the UK* - report to the Adaptation Subcommittee, available at <http://bit.ly/1OiqUOz>. (Contributor).

### Invited presentations (selection)

- May 2021, Chalmers University, Sweden, invited seminar within the Statistics Seminar series of the Department of Mathematical Sciences. Presentation title: *Statistical models for the detection of changes in peak river flow in the UK*
- January 2021, University of Edinburgh, UK, invited seminar within the Statistics Seminar series of the School of Mathematics. Presentation title: *Statistical models for the detection of changes in peak river flow in the UK*
- December 2020, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, invited presentation within the session Hydrometeorologic Extremes: Prediction, Simulation, and Change III (H185): *Non-stationary statistical models for extremes: the impact of modelling choices on the description of change*
- December 2018, University of Cardiff, UK, invited seminar within the Statistics e Operational Research Seminar series of the School of Mathematics. Presentation title: *Detecting coherent changes in flood risk in Great Britain*
- November 2017, University of Bristol, UK, invited seminar within the Statistics Seminar series of the School of Mathematics. Presentation title: *The use of historical data to estimate the frequency of rare events: some practical challenges*
- May 2017, Lancaster University, UK, invited seminar within the Statistics Seminar series of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Presentation title: *The use of historical data to estimate the frequency of rare events: some practical challenges*
- October 2015, T.U. Wien, Austria, invited presentation at the Symposium on Regional Floods Effects of Changes in the River System. Presentation title: *Detection and attribution of changes in flood risk: ideas from a urban catchment case study*
- December 2013, K.U. Luven, Belgium, invited presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LStat. Presentation title: *Flood frequency estimation at CEH Wallingford*

### PhD supervision

- Supervised (together with Julian Faraway) Aoibheann Brady who graduated in November 2019 with a PhD in Statistical Applied Mathematics at the University of Bath, UK.

## Scientific software

I strive to make the code which underlies all my papers available and usable by other scientists. Mostly the code is developed in the statistical computing language R and is shared as an R package. At present my main contribution to the development and maintenance of scientific software are:

- Creator and maintainer of the R package `winfapReader`, a package which allows to download and pre-process river peak flow data for the UK. The package is on CRAN (the main repository for R packages).
- Maintainer of the R package `rnrf`, a package which allows to interact with the national River Flow Archive (UK) data. The package is on CRAN.
- Creator and maintainer of the R package `ilaprosUtils`: the package collects several of the methods presented in paper which I have lead on the topic of extreme value analysis
- Creator and maintainer of the R package `GOFmeas`, which implements the methods described in Kjeldsen and Prosdocimi (2015)
- Creator and maintainer of the R package `DoubleRobGam`, which implements the methods described in Croux et al (2011) and Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2010)

## EDITORIAL ACTIVITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Since 2020: Associate editor of the journal Hydrological Sciences Journal

Reviewer for (selection): *Nature*, *Environmental Research Letters*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society - Series C*, *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, *Water Resources Research*, *Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment*, *Royal Society Open Science*, *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, *Journal of Hydrology*, *Advances in Water Resources*

(Elected) Secretary of the International Commission on Statistical Hydrology of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences

## SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- Belgian Statistical Society
- British Hydrological Society