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#### **Short bio**

Research Scientist at Nofima, where she has been working since 2008. In addition she has a part-time position as Associate Professor at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), where she is responsible for a master-level course in sensory and consumer science. She holds an MSc in Food Science and Sensometrics from ENITIAA, Nantes, France (1998) and a PhD in sensory science from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Institute for Chemistry, Biotechnology and Food Science, Ås, Norway (2012). The title of her PhD dissertation was "Consumer acceptance of innovations in traditional food. Attitudes, expectations and perception". Her past professional experience includes roles as Chemometrics consultant, Product manager, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer in the statistical software group CAMO AS (1998-2008).

#### **Research interests**

Her research areas are consumer behaviour and sensory science, with a main focus on the consumer. Special interests include the role of extrinsic factors on consumers' product acceptance and food choice, children's learning mechanisms towards a healthy and varied diet, consumer testing methodologies and consumer-driven innovation processes. She also has a strong interest in statistical methods, especially experimental design and multivariate data analysis (sensometrics).

#### **Aims and activities related to the visit**

Valérie visited the GESAAF in October 2016 within the framework of the agreement between the University of Florence (GESAAF) and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Institute for Chemistry, Biotechnology and Food Science, Ås, Norway.

During her visit she gave a seminar for PhD Students at GESAAF entitled "Partial Least Square Regression in analyzing the relationship between sensory and hedonic data in Food Science studies". She also contributed with the PhD student Maria Piochi to the preparation of a paper entitled "Comparing manual counting to automated image analysis for the assessment of fungiform papillae density on human tongue" submitted for publication.