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Ridurre le disuguaglianze con una equa distribuzione dell'acqua: grazie agli studi di Andrea Rinaldo oggi si può

IL “NOBEL DELL'ACQUA” AD ANDREA RINALDO

È italiano, ordinario di Costruzioni idrauliche all'Università di Padova, il vincitore dello Stockholm Water Prize 2023

«L'acqua per me è casa: Venezia, dove sono nato e cresciuto. E l'acqua è famiglia: mio nonno aveva un'impresa di costruzioni marittime, mio padre, un fratello, mio suocero e mio cognato sono ingegneri idraulici come me, uno dei miei figli ha un dottorato in Ingegneria costiera. Il mio sogno era (ed è) di aiutare a salvare Venezia, la città che di acqua vive ma di acqua rischia di morire».

Così Andrea Rinaldo racconta la sua passione per gli studi idraulici che, fin dall'alluvione del 1966 che ha vissuto dodicenne a Venezia, hanno guidato il suo percorso accademico e di ricercatore portandolo al massimo riconoscimento mondiale del settore.

Assegnato oggi 21 marzo 2023 al prof. Andrea Rinaldo lo Stockholm Water Prize, identificato come il “premio Nobel dell'acqua”, essendo caratterizzato da un processo di selezione e una cerimonia di consegna del premio analoghi a quelli dei premi Nobel.

Dal 1991, lo Stockholm Water Prize viene assegnato a persone e organizzazioni per straordinari risultati legati all'acqua.

Il Premio è assegnato dallo Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) in collaborazione con l'Accademia Reale Svedese delle Scienze e presentato da Sua Maestà il Re Carlo XVI Gustavo di Svezia, che è il patrono ufficiale del Premio.

La Cerimonia di premiazione si terrà nella Sala d'oro della city Hall di Stoccolma alla presenza di Re Carlo XVI il 23 agosto 2023.

«L'acqua è un bene di tutti – **dice il prof. Andrea Rinaldo** – essenziale: come scrive il poeta W.H Auden “a migliaia sono vissuti senza amore, non uno senz'acqua”. Le mie ricerche e quelle delle persone che in questi anni hanno lavorato con me, avevano e hanno come scopo quello di rendere equa la distribuzione dell'acqua per tutti (*universa universis*) nel contesto di una generale progressiva riduzione delle disuguaglianze sociali ed economiche e di una corretta percezione ecologica dei processi controllati dall'acqua. Nei luoghi dove è concentrato molto del mio lavoro di campo, l'Africa Subsahariana, il Bangladesh, l'isola di Haiti, ma anche nei fiumi alpini in Svizzera, si percepisce chiaramente la necessità di ripensare la giustizia distributiva della gestione delle risorse idriche su scala globale. Quando viaggio nel Sud del mondo per studiare come si propagano le malattie portate dall'acqua, vedo che la distribuzione di acqua sicura è per pochi privilegiati, mentre tutti hanno un telefono cellulare. Così, quando diventa evidente che piani di gestione delle risorse idriche possono causare perdite di biodiversità o portare malattie debilitanti in aree che ne erano prive, è facile valutare l'impatto

economico positivo sull'agricoltura, ma non lo è dare un valore ai servizi degli ecosistemi che perdiamo per sempre, o al vero costo dei ritardi cognitivi causati dalle malattie debilitanti. Tutto questo deve cambiare: oggi abbiamo gli strumenti per poter stimare quantitativamente il vero valore del capitale naturale, essenziale per valutare la vera ricchezza (o povertà) delle Nazioni.

I miei studi sulle reti fluviali sono incentrati su piene, siccità e una giusta distribuzione dell'acqua, guardando alle forme naturali dei paesaggi fluviali come corridoi ecologici per specie, popolazioni e patogeni: una chiave potente per capire come funziona la natura.»

«La gestione sostenibile di un bene essenziale quale è l'acqua, risorsa preziosa e da salvaguardare, in quanto limitata, è una sfida cruciale per la nostra società – **ricorda Daniela Mapelli, rettrice dell'Università di Padova** –. L'Ateneo patavino è quindi orgoglioso del prestigioso riconoscimento attribuito al professor Andrea Rinaldo, con il quale voglio complimentarmi. Un premio che va a suggellare non solo la sua straordinaria competenza accademica, ma anche la forte passione civile che lo ha visto impegnarsi da sempre per un'equa distribuzione dell'acqua, obiettivo fondamentale per perseguire la riduzione delle diseguaglianze economiche e sociali del pianeta».

«La comunicazione di essere risultato il vincitore dello Stockholm Water Prize mi ha raggiunto mentre mi trovavo in viaggio su un treno da Domodossola a Milano. La segreteria generale dello Stockholm International Water Institute mi ha chiamato proprio mentre entravamo nelle molte gallerie di quella linea, dove il telefono non risulta raggiungibile. Ho passato un paio d'ore sulle spine, senza sapere esattamente quale fosse il contenuto della telefonata che si era interrotta. Quando finalmente ho avuto la conferma del Premio, si può immaginare la mia emozione», **racconta Rinaldo**.

Le Ricerche

La ricerca del prof Andrea Rinaldo ha delineato un quadro ecoidrologico integrato, che fonde studi sperimentali di laboratorio, lavoro empirico di campo e sviluppi teorici che si sono concentrate sui controlli idrologici delle comunità vive (uomo incluso), che hanno contribuito in modo sostanziale alla comprensione dell'origine dinamica di forma e funzione delle reti fluviali. Questa funzione è rilevante per diversi processi fondamentali che controllano l'ecologia spaziale delle specie e la biodiversità nel bacino fluviale, la dinamica di popolazioni e delle “invasioni” biologiche di specie alloctone lungo i corsi d'acqua; e, non ultime, la diffusione e la demografia di malattie trasmesse dall'acqua, come il colera epidemico e la bilarzosi endemica per l'uomo, o le malattie renali, proliferative e letali, per i salmonidi.

Rinaldo ha dimostrato che i processi ecologici dominanti nel paesaggio fluviale sono fortemente vincolati dall'idrologia e dalla matrice per le interazioni delle comunità vive, rendendole di fatto quantificabili. Ha dato un fondamentale contributo alla nascita e allo stabilirsi dell'Ecoidrologia come scienza autonoma a pieno titolo e assolutamente attuale, chiave di volta per la comprensione e la risoluzione di molteplici problemi controllati dalle acque del ciclo idrologico.

Andrea Rinaldo

Veneziano, classe 1954, Andrea Rinaldo si laurea *cum laude* all'Università di Padova in Ingegneria civile idraulica nel 1978; PhD a Purdue University nel 1983;

Doctor Honoris causa, Université Québec-Laval e INRS (2010). Dal 1986 è Ordinario di Costruzioni idrauliche, dal 1992 nell'Università di Padova. Oggi è anche Direttore del Laboratory of Ecohydrology della École Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne (CH), e Presidente dell'Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti di Venezia.

Tra gli incarichi: Visiting Professor, Princeton University (2004-2006), Visiting Professor e Research Associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (1992-2002), dal 2019 è Hagler Fellow dell'Institute of Advanced Studies di Texas A&M University e Neal E. Armstrong Distinguished Visiting Professor a Purdue University. Socio di diverse Accademie e Istituti di cultura, fra cui la *Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences* (2006), la US *National Academy of Engineering* (2006), la US *National Academy of Sciences* (2011) e l'American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2018), e l'Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (2016).



Andrea Rinaldo

Oltre l'acqua, una grande passione: quella per il rugby. Tre volte Campione d'Italia con il Petrarca rugby di cui è poi stato Presidente, azzurro d'Italia numero 326 (4 caps e 10 presenze con la Nazionale maggiore dal 1976 al 1978), ha giocato a Padova, nel novembre del 1977, la prima storica partita contro i maestri Neozelandesi, gli All Blacks. Dirigente Nazionale della Federazione Italiana Rugby, è nel Board of Directors della European Professional Club Rugby (EPCR). **Ad Andrea Rinaldo piace ricordare che la sua etica del lavoro è nata proprio sul campo da rugby:** «Il rugby è spietato. Il più preparato vince. È la tua spinta interiore nella preparazione al gesto atletico che fa tutta la differenza. Il risultato sportivo si ottiene come logica e diretta conseguenza del tuo lavoro, e il rugby, sport duro di contatto, educa alla resistenza alla fatica e al potere della determinazione. Questo si trasporta inevitabilmente nell'etica del lavoro dello scienziato».

Numerosissime le pubblicazioni scientifiche (vedi allegato), cui si affiancano alcuni libri, due dei quali nati dalla collaborazione con il collega Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe, (Stockholm Water Prize del 2002, mancato di recente), con il quale strinse un forte legame di ricerca e amicizia sin dal primo incontro all'Università di Genova in occasione di una lezione tenuta da Rodriguez-Iturbe dal titolo “Chaos in Rainfall”, che lo spinse a cambiare di colpo campo di ricerca , la strada meno battuta che fa tutta la differenza.

I suoi libri sono: *River networks as ecological corridors. Species, population, pathogens*, (Cambridge University Press, New York 2020, con I. Rodriguez-Iturbe e Marino Gatto), e *Fractal river basins. Chance and self-organization* (Cambridge University Press, New York 1997 – second edition in 2001 – con I. Rodriguez-Iturbe). A questi si aggiungono: *Il governo dell'acqua. Ambiente naturale e Ambiente costruito* (Marsilio, Venezia 2009), nella cinquina del Premio Internazionale Galileo per la divulgazione scientifica, e *Del rugby. Verso una ecologia della palla ovale* (Marsilio, Venezia 2017), Premio speciale del CONI nel contesto del Premio Memo Geremia.



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EDUCATION/HONORARY DEGREES

Dott Ing BS+MS 1978 Università di Padova, (IT) (110/110 *summa cum laude*)
Ph.D. 1983 Purdue University, West Lafayette (US)
D.Sc. (*honoris causa*) 2014 Université du Québec-Laval & INRS (CA)

ACADEMIC RECORD (excerpts)

FULL PROFESSOR, Italian Academic System, (1985-)
PROFESSOR OF CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile e Ambientale, *Università di Padova* (IT) (1992-)
VISITING PROFESSOR & RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, Ralph M. Parsons Laboratory, Dept of Civil & Environmental Engineering, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (US) (1993–2001)
VISITING PROFESSOR, Dept of Civil & Environmental Engineering, *Princeton University* (US) (2004-2007)
PROFESSOR OF HYDROLOGY & WATER RESOURCES, and DIRECTOR, Laboratory of Ecohydrology (ECHO), *École Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne* (2008-2024) (ETH Board extension, granted to 2024)
Director, Institute of Environmental Engineering, *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne* (2010-2014, 2022)
Senior Adjunct Researcher, EAWAG, Dübendorf (CH) (2011-2017)
FACULTY FELLOW, Hagler Institute for Advanced Studies, Texas A&M University, 2018-2022
INAUGURAL NEIL ARMSTRONG DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW, Purdue University, 2019-2022

ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP / AWARDS / MEDALS

International Prizes/Awards:

E. MUNSON AWARD, Purdue University (1982)
P. GATTO RESEARCH AWARD, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome (1984)
HYDROLOGICAL SCIENCES AWARD (formerly Horton Award), American Geophysical Union (1999)
FELLOW, American Geophysical Union (2000)
DALTON MEDAL, European Geosciences Union (2005)
ERC ADVANCED GRANT FELLOWSHIP (2008)
BORLAND & HYDROLOGY DAYS AWARD, Colorado State University (2010)
4TH PRINCE SULTAN ABDULAZIZ INTERNATIONAL WATER PRIZE (Creativity), Riyadh (2010)
LUIGI TARTUFARI INTERNATIONAL PRIZE, Geosciences, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome (2014)
DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR MEDAL, Am. Soc. Agricultural Biological Engineering, New Orleans (2015)
FACULTY FELLOW, Hagler Institute for Advanced Studies, Texas A&M University, (2018-2023)
INAUGURAL NEIL ARMSTRONG DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW, Purdue University, (2019-2021)
DISTINGUISHED ENGINEERING ALUMNUS AWARD, Purdue University (2021)

Academy Memberships (excerpts):

Fellow, ISTITUTO VENETO DI SCIENZE LETTERE ED ARTI, Venice (1995) (IVSLA Board, 2007-), President (2021-)
Fellow, ACCADEMIA GALILEIANA DI SCIENZE, LETTERE ED ARTI, Padova (1999)
Fellow, ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DELLE SCIENZE (detta dei XL), Rome (2014) (XL Board, 2017-2020)
Fellow, ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI, Rome (2019)
Fellow, THE WATER ACADEMY, Oslo (1999)
International Member, ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Stockholm (2006)
International Member, US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, Washington (2006)
International Member Member, US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Washington (2012)
Foreign Associate, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, Cambridge (2018)

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS/POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Andrea Rinaldo supervised and mentored more than 70 MS students, 41 Ph.D. students, and 14 postdocs. Among former doctoral students and postdocs holding Faculty positions: A Bellin (Trento); P Salandin (Padova), V Fiorotto (U Trieste), M Marani (Duke, Padova), R Rigon (Trento), P D'Odorico (UC Berkeley), A Fiori (Roma 3), A Giacometti (Cà Foscari Venice), M Pannone (Basilicata), S Fagherazzi (Boston U), L Mari (Milan Polytechnic), G Botter (Padova), A D'Alpaos (Padova), E Bertuzzo (Cà Foscari Venice), S Suweis (Padova), A Giometto (Cornell U), B. Schäfli (U Bern), L Carraro (U Zurich)

OTHER ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES (excerpts)

Director, Doctoral School of *Civil & Environmental Engineering Sciences*, Università di Padova (Italy) (1999-2007); several Chair Committee Member, Italian Ministry for University and Research (MIUR) (1986-2007); EPFL Academic Promotions Committee (2009-2011); ENAC Academic Promotions Committee, EPFL (2011-, as Chairman 2011-2014). PhD Committees (besides own Institutions): Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Wageningen Agricultural University, KTH Stockholm, University of Stockholm, Princeton University, University of Sidney, ETHZ. International Scientific Committees (excerpts): *SENSE Environmental Sciences Review Committee* (NL) (2008), *CCES Steering Board*, ETHZ (CH) (2008-2020); Scientific Advisory Board, *Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung* (UFZ), Leipzig (GE) (2011-2014); Scientific Advisory Board, Università Cà Foscari Venice (IT) (2014-); Comitato Ambiente, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (2012-); Steering and Advisory Committee of the *International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development*, UNESCO (2022-2023); European Academy Science Advisory Council, (2015, 2022-). Award and Medal Committees: *Gatto Award*, Accademia dei Lincei (2004-2014); AGU *Hydrological Sciences Award* (2003-2005) (Chairman, 2005); AGU *Horton Medal* (2004-2006); EGU *Dalton Medal* (2005-2007); AGU *Fellows Union Committee* (2005-2010); *Sackler Prize Committee*, US National Academy of Sciences, 2018; *Mattuci Medal Committee*, Accademia dei XL (2018-2021); *Datei Medal Committee*, as Chairman (2012-); AGU *Simpson Medal Committee* (2022). Editorial Board: *Advances in Water Resources* (1994-2004); *Water Resources Research* (2001-2013); *Proceedings of the US National Academy of Sciences* (2013-). Editor: *Advances in Water Resources* (2011-15); *PNAS* (2014-2024)

KEYNOTE (K) & NAME LECTURES (excerpts)

THE DALTON LECTURE, Wien (2005); THE KOVACS LECTURE, Paris (2006); THE MOORE LECTURE, Charlottesville (2007); THE CARL GUSTAV BERNHARD LECTURE, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (2007); THE BOUSSINESQ LECTURE, Amsterdam (2008); THE BORLAND LECTURE, Fort Collins (2010); THE PRINCE ABDULAZIZ WATER LECTURE, Riyadh (2010); 200th ANNIVERSARY LECTIO MAGISTRALIS, Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti, Venice (2011); THE WATER INSTITUTE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LECTURE, Gainesville (2012); 418th ANNIVERSARY LECTIO MAGISTRALIS, Accademia dei Concordi, Rovigo (2013); (K) International Conference RIVERFLOW, Lausanne (2014); AGU CHAPMAN CONFERENCE on *Catchment spatial organization and complex behavior*, Luxembourg (2014); (K) DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LECTURE, American Society of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, New Orleans (2015); the HONORIS CAUSA DOCTORATE LECTURE, INRS, Québec City (2014); (K) International IRTG Conference *Integrated Hydrosystem Modelling*, Tübingen (2015); (K) International Workshop on *Living systems: from interaction patterns to critical behavior*, Venice International University (2016); (K) IECID 2017 *Impact of Environmental Changes on Infectious Diseases*, ICTP Trieste (2017); HAGLER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR Lecture, Texas A&M University, College Station (2018); (K) IAHR General Congress, Trento (2018); NEIL ARMSTRONG DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR Lecture, Purdue University, West Lafayette (2019); DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES, University of Utrecht (2021); DISTINGUISHED LECTURES, Purdue University (2021); DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES Global Institute for Water Security, Saskatchewan (2021); (K) International conference *Current issues in climate research* (Lincei, Rome, 2021); CERN Colloquia, Geneva (2022); (K) *Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe Memorial Symposium*, Texas A&M, College Station (2022); (K) *Symposium honoring Prof. Gedeon Dagan on the occasion of his 90th Birthday*, Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem (2023).

Invited presentations also include: i) a total of ~50 Invited Talks at AGU and EGU annual Meetings (Hydrology, Geomorphology, Nonlinear Geophysics); ii) >200 invited Seminars.

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (excerpts)

Convener: Several sessions at AGU and EGU (Ecohydrology, Nonlinear dynamics, Catchment scale transport) (1992-2012) Summer Schools on *Environmental Dynamics*, Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, Venice, Italy, among which: *Pathways to Environmental Sustainability* (2008) *Climate Forcings and Global Patterns* (2009), *Global Biogeochemical Cycles* (2012), *Discounting and evaluating environmental policies* (2014), *Climate Science* (2022). *Latsis Symposium on Ecohydrology*, EPFL (2011) (with Marc B. Parlange); Monte Verità Symposium *Thirty years of Groundwater Hydrology*, 2011; *Colloquio Linceo on Ecohydrology* (2020) (with G. Seminara). He has been co-convener of several sessions at AGU and EGU annual meetings.

RESEARCH PROJECTS (excerpts)

Several Projects funded as PI (in particular from the European Union and the Swiss National Funds), among which:

ERC Advanced Grant RINEC 22761 (2009-2014)

SNF 200021 172578/1 Optimal control of intervention strategies for waterborne disease epidemics (2016-2022)

SNF SINERGIA CRSII5 186422 / 1: Linking statistical physics, bioengineering, hydrology and fluid mechanics with metabolic theories of ecology across microbial ecosystems: theory and high-throughput experiments (2019-2023)

IN THE NEWS (excerpts). See list of press releases in: <https://www.epfl.ch/labs/echo/>

A Profile of Andrea Rinaldo (Gabrielsen, P., *Proceedings of the US National Academy of Sciences*, 111(11), 3900-3902, 2014)
<https://www.pnas.org/content/111/11/3900>

Interviews and public Lectures:

<http://abouthydrology.blogspot.com/2014/05/acceptance-speech-given-by-andrea.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3JjIbP7uE>

SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Author of four monographs and more than 300 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, more than 27,700 citations with *b*-index 101 and *i10*-index 249 (*b*-index 56 and *i10*-index 197 since 2018)¹. Andrea Rinaldo has authored, with Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe, the research monograph *Fractal River basins. Chance and Self-Organization* (published in its 2nd edition by Cambridge University Press in 2001, publication 1. below), considered the standard reference of its field². The recently published book *River networks as ecological corridors. Species, populations, pathogens*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2020 (publication 6. below, coauthored with M. Gatto and I. Rodriguez-Iturbe) is a coherent follow-up that capitalizes on the insight gained on nature's making of rivers as substrates for ecological interactions. The underlying research has been carried out mostly in his ECHO Lab at EPFL in the past 15 years. The book won the PROSE Award for the Environmental Science category for books appeared in 2020 by the Association of American Publishers (2021). Overall, he authored 52 papers published in general science journals (Nature, Science and PNAS). Among recognitions³, his election to the US National Academy of Sciences in the class of Environmental Sciences and Ecology (Section 63) is the most coveted.

Field, laboratory and theoretical work in the general field of water controls on biota is carried out at Rinaldo's Laboratory of Ecohydrology (known as the ECHO Lab), established in 2008 at EPFL, built around a single-recipient 5-year ERC Advanced Grant (2009). Experimental work in the wet Lab at EPFL has been ongoing for more than 10 years now, and has had a high impact on the field of water borne diseases (see e.g. publication 7. below). Rinaldo's Lab also carried out directly a significant amount of field work in Haiti, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, and in various catchments in Switzerland.

Andrea Rinaldo's research drew together an integrated ecohydrological framework, which blends laboratory, field, and theoretical evidence focused on hydrologic controls on biota, and has contributed substantially to our understanding of the function of river networks as ecological corridors. This function is relevant to a number of key ecological processes that control the spatial ecology of species and biodiversity in the river basin, the population dynamics and biological invasions along waterways, and the spread of waterborne disease. As examples, one counts metapopulation persistence in fluvial ecosystems, metacommunity predictions of fish diversity patterns in large river basins, geomorphic controls imposed by the fluvial landscape on elevational gradients of species' richness, zebra mussel invasions of iconic river networks, and the spread of proliferative kidney disease in salmonid fish; or of devastating chronic (schistosomiasis) or epidemic (cholera) infections in human communities. A well-known theoretical contribution by Andrea Rinaldo is that ecological processes in the fluvial landscape are so constrained by hydrology and by the matrix for ecological interactions (the directional dispersal embedded in fluvial and host/pathogen mobility networks), that predictability by spatially-explicit approaches is warranted. Accounting for these drivers required spatial descriptions that have now produced a broad range of results illustrating the predictive power of the methods and the coherent conceptual framework that produced them. Hard-gained experimental and field work supported the theoretical idea. In the process, Andrea Rinaldo was one of the founders and main contributors to establishing Ecohydrology as a new and now mainstream science. Quite possibly, his Laboratory of Ecohydrology at EPFL was the first of its kind (2008), and currently there exist several of them, worldwide.

¹ Source Google Scholar (<http://scholar.google.ch/citations?user=27F9Y3cAAAAJ&hl=it&oi=ao>). Statistics as of January 13, 2023.

² see http://psipw.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=389&Itemid=225&lang=en

³ A summary of AR's achievements is in P. GABRIELSEN, A profile of Andrea Rinaldo, *PNAS*, 111, 3900, 2014.

The overarching theme of Andrea Rinaldo's work is the investigation on how the physical structure of the hydrologic environments affects biodiversity, species invasions, and waterborne disease spread by embedding the relevant ecology into the core geoscience of river networks. The relation between the geosciences (the study of the form fluvial ecosystems) is explored from the perspective of ecosystems produced by fluvial processes and forms. In the case of the ecosystem services provided by the river basin, his work showed that time is ripe for retooling our decision-making basis. Andrea Rinaldo's work has changed how we understand the interface between the hydrosphere and the biosphere.

Related tools developed in his ECHO Lab also significantly contributed to COVID-19 research (see e.g. publication 8.). This happened serendipitously, owing to the expertise developed on spatially-explicit mathematical models of infectious waterborne and water-based disease spread (in particular epidemic cholera and endemic schistosomiasis, e.g. publication 6.), acquired in the study of waterborne and water-based disease studies which is central to Ecohydrology.

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3. RINALDO A, W.E. Dietrich, R. Rigon, G.K. Vogel, I. Rodriguez-Iturbe, Geomorphological signatures of varying climate, *Nature*, 374 (6523), 632-635, 1995 ([184 citations](#), *Nature cover*)
4. RINALDO, A., I. Rodriguez-Iturbe, R. Rigon, E. Ijjasz-Vasquez, R.L. Bras, Self-organized fractal river networks, *Physical Review Letters*, 70(6), 822-825, 1993 ([345 citations](#))
5. RINALDO, A., A. Marani, R. Rigon, Geomorphological Dispersion, *Water Resources Research*, 27(4), 513-525, 1991 ([397 citations](#))
6. RINALDO, A., M. Gatto, I. Rodriguez-Iturbe, *River networks as ecological corridors. Species, populations, pathogens*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2020 ([PROSE Award for the Environmental Science category from the Association of American Publishers 2021](#))
7. Carrara, F., F. Altermatt, I. Rodriguez-Iturbe, A. RINALDO, Dendritic connectivity controls biodiversity patterns in experimental metacommunities, *Proceedings of the US National Academy of Sciences*, 109, 5761-5766, 2012 ([296 citations](#))
8. Gatto, M., E. Bertuzzo, L. Carraro, L. Mari, S. Miccoli, R. Casagrandi, A. RINALDO, Spread and dynamics of the COVID-19 epidemic in Italy: effects of emergency containment measures, *Proceedings of the US National Academy of Sciences*, 117(19), 10484-10491, 2020 ([962 citations, WoS and Scopus Highly Cited Paper](#))
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RINALDO, A., *Del rugby. Verso una ecologia della pallaovale*, Marsilio, Venice, 2017 (CONI special prize 2017)

RINALDO, A., *Il governo dell'acqua. Ambiente naturale e Ambiente costruito*, Marsilio, Venice, 2009 (Final Five, Premio internazionale Galileo per la divulgazione scientifica, 2009)

Rodriguez-Iturbe, I., A. RINALDO, *Fractal river basins. Chance and self-organization*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 1997 (2001 2nd edition, 2148 citations)

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