

## Letizia Zullo, PhD

### Current position

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| 2023-2028      | <b>Researcher</b> at the IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino, Genova                     |
| 2018 – present | <b>Contract professor</b> at the Medical-pharmaceutical Biotechnology, University of Genova |

### Academic qualification

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| 2012- 2023          | Researcher at the IIT, Italian Institute of Technology, Genoa, Italy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2021- 2022          | <b>Visiting Professor</b> at The Alexander Silberman Institute for Life Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2021-2030           | ASN: National Scientific Habilitation - <b>II Fascia</b> -, in Physiology (SSD 05/D1, Fisiologia; BIO/09) (2021-2030)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2007-2012           | Post Doctorate at the IIT, Italian Institute of Technology, Genoa, Italy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2005-2007           | Post Doctorate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2001-2004           | PhD in Applied Biology at the Federico II University, Naples, Italy and Stazione Zoologica “Anton Dohrn”, Naples, Italy. Title of the project: “Functional organization of the sensory-motor areas in the SNC of <i>Octopus vulgaris</i> ”.<br>Supervisor: Dr. Binyamin Hochner, Department of Neurobiology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel.<br>Tutor: Prof. Claudio Agnisola, Federico II University, Naples, Italy. |
| March 2005-May 2005 | Exchange program in Computational Neuroscience, ICNC, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| May 2004-July 2004  | Research collaboration at the Department of Neurobiology, Life Science Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel under the supervision of Dr. Binyamin Hochner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| June 2003-Sept 2003 | Exchange program in Computational Neuroscience, ICNC, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2001                | Habilitation as ‘Biologist’ received in the third session from the University of Naples, Federico II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1994-2001           | Bachelor in Biological Sciences at Federico II University, Naples, with a final evaluation of 110/110 <i>cum laude</i> . Thesis title “Central and peripheral control of “patterning” of the chromatophores in <i>Loligo vulgaris</i> ”.<br>Supervisor Dr. Euan Brown, Laboratory of Neurobiology, Stazione Zoologica “Anton Dohrn”, Naples, Italy<br>Tutor Prof. Pietro Battaglini, Federico II University, Naples, Italy. |
| 1989-1994           | Antonio Genovesi, School of Classical Studies, Naples, Italy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Competences and Experience

### **Technical competences**

In vivo and in vitro electrophysiology; neuronal cell culture; bioinformatics; muscle biomechanics; imaging and high resolution microscopy; motion reconstruction and kinematics, soft-robotics.

I’ve developed dedicated set-up to investigate the neurophysiology and biomechanics of both zebrafish larvae and adult, and in vitro brain and nervous system slices by employing (i) MEA based EEG recordings (ii) Muscle physiology and biomechanics systems and (iii) High resolution microscopy, in WT and transgenic animals.

### **Set-up of Animal facilities for aquatic research animals and animal care**

I’ve a long lasting experience in setting-up aquatic animal maintenance facilities.

In 2008 I established a *de-novo* facility for the maintenance of adult Octopuses (*Octopus vulgaris*) in a closed-circuit system Stabularium. This facility is located at the IRCCS San Martino Hospital in Genoa, and is authorized by the Italian Ministry of Health.

In 2021 I’ve been involved in the design and establishment of a stabularium for maintenance and reproduction of zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) at the IRCCS San Martino Hospital in Genoa to be used in the context of human pathologies, pharmacology and comparative neuroscience.

### **Procedures and Legislation for the use of animals in scientific research**

I’ve long-lasting experience in all the procedural aspects involved in the request for authorization of animal experiments following the Directive 2010/63/EU (Italian D. Lgs. no. 26/2014) and more in general in ethical regulation for animal research.

In 2018, I joined the Body for the Protection of Animals (OPBA) of the IRCCS San Martino Hospital of Genoa and since then I’m actively involved in the revision of researcher application for animal experimentation to the Italian Ministry of Health (the National Competent Authority).

I hold IZLER training certificates for: ‘ELEMENTI BASE PER L'APPROCCIO DEI RICERCATORI ALL'UTILIZZO DEGLI ANIMALI AI FINI SCIENTIFICI’(since 2021) and ‘ZEBRAFISH COME ORGANISMO MODELLO: APPROCCI SPERIMENTALI IN VITRO E IN VIVO NELLA RICERCA SCIENTIFICA’ (since 2022).

### **National Habilitation**

In 2021 I received the National Scientific Habilitation -**II Fascia**-, in Physiology (SSD 05/D1, Fisiologia; BIO/09) (2021-2030)

### **Ordine Nazionale dei Biologi**

Since 15/06/2022 I'm registered in the 'Ordine Nazionale dei Biologi', Albo Professionale Sezione A with number: AA\_093364

### **Main research topics**

My work is oriented toward the investigation of aquatic animal neurophysiology, biomechanics and development, in particular working in the area of **Animal model for human genetic pathologies, Neuroscience, Development, Regeneration, and Bio-robotics for human health and surgery**.

I'm using animal model alternative to rodents (in particular the zebrafish *Danio rerio*) to study **Human Genetic Neuropathology and Neuroscience**. I'm setting up a Behavioral and Neurophysiology platform to perform studies in particular on the **genetic aspects of Epilepsy** and neural diseases like **Multiple sclerosis and Glioblastoma**.

Using the Cephalopods (*Octopus vulgaris*) as animal models I'm carrying on two main research lines: (i) studying the **octopus sensory-motor system** and their possible implementation in a bio-robotic environment with the aim of **building soft-robotic structures for human surgery and prosthetics**; (ii) deciphering cellular and molecular mechanisms of tissue morphogenesis, proteomic profile and molecular markers involved in **nervous system and musculature development and regeneration** relevant to **neuroscience and human regenerative medicine**.

### **Grants and Fellows**

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| 2023-2025 | 5 x 1000 funds 2021 - Italian Ministry of Health - (5M-2021-23683850), 'Messa a punto di una piattaforma integrata per l'analisi fisiologica e comportamentale di animali acquatici modello per le neuroscienze e la neuropatologia'<br><b>Role: PI</b> |
| 2023-2026 | MAECI, Dextrous, strong yet soft robots - DESTRO<br><b>Role: Co-Investigator</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2023-2026 | ONR ( N00014-23-1-2083), 'Proprioception in motion: role of muscle proprioceptive inputs in arm movements'<br><b>Role: PI</b>                                                                                                                           |
| 2021-2024 | ONR (N00014-20-S-B001), 'Deciphering the novel principles of the octopus neuromuscular systems control using a bottom-up approach'<br><b>Role: PI</b>                                                                                                   |

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| 2013-2017           | COST 015/13 (COST Action FA1301), A network for improvement of cephalopod welfare and husbandry in research, aquaculture and fisheries (CephsInAction)<br><b>Role: Consortium member &amp; Management committee</b>                                                                                                            |
| 2013-2015           | IIT Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental projects "Investigation on the octopus sucker properties"<br><b>Role: PI</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| July 2014           | SYRMEP beamline allocation grant from the Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste within the program for Italian Users<br><b>Role: Awarded</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2009-2013           | SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME, THEME: ICT 2007.8.5 Future and Emerging Technologies (FET), Embodied Intelligence; Grant agreement no.: 231608<br>"Novel Design Principles and Technologies for a New Generation of High Dexterity Soft-bodied Robots Inspired by the Morphology and Behaviour of the Octopus"<br><b>Role: PI</b> |
| 2005- 2007          | Fellow under the DARPA project BIODYNOTICS<br><b>Role: Post doc fellow, Component of the HUJI Institution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| March 2005-May 2005 | Fellow by the 'Exchange program in Computational Neuroscience', ICNC, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel<br><b>Role: Awarded</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| May 2004-July 2004  | Fellow under the DARPA project BIODYNOTICS<br><b>Role: PhD fellow, Component of the HUJI Institution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| June 2003-Sept 2003 | Fellow by the 'Exchange program in Computational Neuroscience', ICNC, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel<br><b>Role: Awarded</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### **Editorial activities**

- 2021 Guest Associate Editor of Frontiers in Physiology. Topic Editor of Cognitive Mechanisms and Circuits Across Different Taxa: An Integrative View.
- 2020-to date, Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Cellular Neurophysiology, Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience
- 2017 Guest Associate Editor of Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology, Stem Cell Research. Topic Editor of the Research Topic "Metazoan muscle re-generation: what can we learn from diversity?"
- Peer reviewer for Scientific international journals.

### **Congress chairing and organization**

- Session chair at the 17th IIM Meeting 2021, Virtual Event
- Session organizer: "Marine metazoa session", EFOR Meeting 2021 – Virtual Event

- Focused-on session organizer: Cephalopod Neurophysiology, CephRes2020 Virtual Event
- Focused-on session organizer: Regeneration in cephalopods: past approaches, present trends and future directions, CephRes2020 Virtual Event
- Workshop organizer: New direction in interdisciplinary cephalopod research from practical to metaphysical and its social implication. CIAC 2017, Crete, Greece
- Workshop organizer: Novel biomimetic models: materials, soft robots and artificial intelligence, CIAC 2015, Hakodate, Japan.

## Meeting and conferences

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| November 2023  | SFN2023, Washington, USA ( <i>incoming</i> )                                                                |
| September 2023 | Brayn conference, Naples, Italy ( <i>incoming</i> )                                                         |
| August 2023    | EMC2023, Florence                                                                                           |
| July 2023      | SEB2023, Edinburgh, UK                                                                                      |
| July 2023      | Living Machines, Genoa, Italy                                                                               |
| September 2022 | Workshop ‘Comparative Neurobiology of Higher Cognitive Functions’, Ettore Majorana Foundation, Erice, Italy |
| September 2022 | SIF 2022, Bari, Italy                                                                                       |
| September 2022 | Workshop - Comparative Neurobiology of Higher Cognitive Functions, Erice, Italy                             |
| July 2022      | SEB 2022, Montpellier                                                                                       |
| April 2022     | Robosoft conference, Edinburgh, UK                                                                          |
| March 2022     | CIAC meeting, Sesimbra, Portugal                                                                            |
| October 2021   | 18th IIM Meeting, Virtual Event                                                                             |
| September 2021 | EMC 2021, Virtual event                                                                                     |
| September 2021 | 71st SIF National Congress, Milan (online)                                                                  |
| July 2021      | SEB 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Online                                                                          |
| May 2021       | EFOR Meeting 2021, Virtual Event                                                                            |
| October 2020   | 17th IIM Meeting, Virtual Event                                                                             |
| September 2020 | CephRes2020, Virtual Event                                                                                  |
| July 2019      | SEB 2019, Seville, Spain                                                                                    |
| November 2018  | Aquatic research models to study regeneration & aging, Nice, France                                         |
| April 2018     | RoboSoft2018, Livorno, Italy                                                                                |
| August 2018    | EMC 2018, 47th European Muscle Conference, Budapest, Hungary                                                |
| July 2018      | SEB 2018, Firenze, Italy                                                                                    |
| November 2017  | Regeneration 2017, Nature conferences, Milan, Italy                                                         |
| October 2017   | XIV IIM - Myology Meeting, Assisi, Italy                                                                    |
| March 2017     | CIAC meeting, Crete, Greece                                                                                 |
| November 2016  | SFN 46 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting, San Diego, CA, USA                                                     |
| October 2016   | XIII IIM - Myology Meeting, Assisi, Italy                                                                   |
| July 2016      | MED 2016, Athens, Greece                                                                                    |
| April 2016     | RoboSoft meeting, Livorno, Italy                                                                            |
| November 2015  | CIAC 2015, Hakodate, Japan                                                                                  |
| September 2015 | 66° Congresso Nazionale SIF, Genoa, Italy                                                                   |
| November 2014  | SFN 44 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA                                                    |
| September 2014 | EMC 2014, 43rd European Muscle Conference, Salzburg, Austria                                                |
| July 2014      | 9 <sup>th</sup> FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Milan, Italy                                                    |
| September 2013 | Cephalopods as Models for Tissue Regeneration: a Workshop. Naples, Italy                                    |

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| April 2012     | EuroCeph meeting: Meeting of Technical Experts to develop Guidelines on Care and Welfare of Cephalopods in Research. Vico Equense, Naples, Italy |
| April 2012     | EuroCeph meeting: European Proposal of a Consortium for genome sequencing of <i>Octopus vulgaris</i> . Vico Equense, Naples, Italy               |
| April 2011     | EuroCeph meeting: Cephalopod biology research in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century “A European perspective”. Vico Equense, Naples, Italy              |
| November 2010  | SFN 40 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting, San Diego, CA, USA                                                                                          |
| November 2009  | ISFN, Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience. Eilat, Israel.                                                                      |
| July 2008      | 6 <sup>th</sup> MEA meeting, Reutlingen, Germany                                                                                                 |
| June 2008      | Molecular Mechanisms in Neuroscience, Milan, Italy                                                                                               |
| November 2007  | IIT workshop, Genova, Italy                                                                                                                      |
| September 2007 | SINS 2007, Annual meeting of the Italian Society of Neuroscience, Verona, Italy                                                                  |
| June 2007      | A journey through computation, Genova, Italy                                                                                                     |
| October 2006   | The node and the network: the fundamental contribution of Camillo Golgi to Modern Neuroscience, Pavia, Italy.                                    |
| July 2006      | 5 <sup>th</sup> FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Vienna, Austria.                                                                                     |
| June 2006      | Second Computational Motor Control Workshop, Ben Gurion University, Israel.                                                                      |
| February 2006  | Invited speaker at the ‘Ein Gedi Meeting’. Ein Gedi, Israel.                                                                                     |
| February 2006  | ‘The Rhythmic Brain’, Eilat, Israel                                                                                                              |
| December 2005  | ISFN, Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Neuroscience. Eilat, Israel.                                                                      |
| November 2005  | SFN 35 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA.                                                                                        |
| May 2005       | Computational Motor Control Workshop, Ben Gurion University, Israel.                                                                             |
| December 2003  | Workshop: “The giants Cephalopods: an ancient world coming closer”; Federico II University, Torre del Greco, Naples, Italy.                      |
| July 2002      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Forum of European Neuroscience, Paris, France.                                                                                   |
| November 2000  | Symposium - Biological Sciences: Challenges for the XXI Century, Naples, Italy.                                                                  |

### Communication and outreach activities

- March 2024, UniStem Day ‘Altri cervelli’ Turin (*incoming*)
- April 2022, Cells Webinar | Cell Calcium across the Phylogenetic Tree: From Physiological Signaling to Pathogenic Mechanisms
- September 2021, "Marine Research & Society" panel, MSc. MARRES, Université Côte d’Azur, Sophia Antipolis, France
- December 2020, Webinar Lecture for Hebrew University's Friends
- June 2020, Twitch live streaming episode 5 ‘Thinking loud, cosa succede nel nostro cervello’
- May 2019, Festival del Mare, Genova, Italy. Organization of the exhibition: ‘Così lontani così vicini’ I Cefalopodi dal mare alle Neuroscienze.
- November 2018, Festival della Scienza 2018, Genova, Italy. Organization of the laboratory: ‘Dalla Zebra al Pois’.

- December 2015, ‘Un Mare di Scienza’ Conference series organized by the University of Genova: ‘Otto braccia, tre cuori e un grande cervello: il Polpo tra mito e scienza’, Genova, Italy.
- 2012, Participation in the Documentary ‘The Life and Times of Paul the Psychic Octopus’ di A. O. Philippe.

## Academic activity

- 2017-to date, Member of the ‘Collegio docenti del corso di **Dottorato di Ricerca in Neuroscienze**’ of the **University of Genoa**, Italy
- 2020 to date, Affiliation to the ‘**Centro del Mare**’, **University of Genoa**, Italy
- 2020-2021 Committee member and reviewers of **MSc. MARRES** (Marine Resources Science, Conservation & Innovation) thesis, **Université Cote D’Azur**, Sophia Antipolis, France
- Member of the **CCdS in Biotecnologie**, **University of Genoa (Italy)**,
- Since 2005 I’ve been **supervising PhD and Master degree students** from both national and international university programs from University of Genoa (Italy), the MSc. MARRES, Université Cote D’Azur (France) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel).

## Teaching activity

- From 2018-2024, Course in **Developmental Neurobiology**, MEDICAL-PHARMACEUTICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY, **University of Genoa**
- From 2020-2024, Course in ‘**Animal Models for Biotechnology**’, MEDICAL-PHARMACEUTICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY, **University of Genoa**
- From 2019 ongoing Lecturer in the module ‘Unexpected potential of marine resources’, MSc. MARRES, **Université Cote D’Azur**, Sophia Antipolis, France
- 2021 Teaching activity at the SUMMER SCHOOL 2021, **University of Genoa**, PhD Course in Neuroscience
- 2022 Lecturer at the **University of Piemonte Orientale**: ‘Intelligence in Motion, can Octopuses be the next animal models in Neuroscience?’
- 2022 Lecturer in the course of Physiology of the Laurea Magistrale in Biologia ed Ecologia Marina, **University of Genoa**: ‘Smart and Spineless, can an Octopus be the Next Model Organism?’
- 2021-2022 Lecturer in the course of Medical and Pharmaceutical Science of the **University of Genoa**: ‘Modelli “marini” per lo studio delle malattie del sistema nervoso’
- 2021 Lecturer in the course of Physiology of the **University of Trieste**: ‘Octopus arm hydrostatic muscles: features and potentiality’
- 2020 Lecturer in the course of Medical and Pharmaceutical Science of the **University of Genoa**: ‘Biologically inspired neurorobotics’
- 2016-2017-2019 Lecturer in the course ‘Animal Models for Biotechnology’, MEDICAL-PHARMACEUTICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY, **University of Genoa**
- 2016-2017-2018 Teaching activity in the Dottorato di Ricerca in Neuroscienze / Curriculum “Neurosciences and Neurotechnologies, **University of Genoa**

## Publications

1. Hochner, B.\*, **Zullo, L.\***, Shomrat, T., Levy, G., & Neshet, N. (2023). Embodied mechanisms of motor control in the octopus. *Current Biology*, CB, 33(20), R1119–R1125. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2023.09.008>
  
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2. Röckner, J.L., Arellano, M.D., **Zullo, L.** (2023). Sucker Attachment and Detachment Patterns in Octopus Vulgaris. In: Meder, F., Hunt, A., Margheri, L., Mura, A., Mazzolai, B. (eds) Biomimetic and Biohybrid Systems. Living Machines 2023. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, vol 14157. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-38857-6\\_20](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-38857-6_20)
  
3. Flash T., **Zullo L.** (2023) Biomechanics, motor control and dynamic models of the soft limbs of the octopus and other cephalopods. *J. Exp. Biol*, 226 (Suppl\_1): jeb245295. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1242/jeb.245295>
  
4. **Zullo L.**, Di Clemente A., Maiolo F. (2022) How octopus arm muscle contractile properties and anatomical organization contribute to the arm functional specialization. *J. Exp. Biol* doi: 10.1242/jeb.243163
  
5. Gutnick T, **Zullo L**, Hochner B and Kuba MJ (2022) Protocol for controlled behavioral testing of octopuses using a single-arm tactile discrimination two-choice task. *STAR Protocols* 3(1):101192, doi:10.1016/j.xpro.2022.101192
  
6. Di Clemente A, Maiolo F, Bornia I, **Zullo L** (2021) Beyond muscles: Role of intramuscular connective tissue elasticity and passive stiffness in the octopus arm muscle function. *J. Exp. Biol*, 224 (22), doi:10.1242/jeb.242644
  
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8. Gutnick T, **Zullo L**, Hochner B and Kuba M (2020) Use of Peripheral Sensory Information for Central Nervous Control of Arm Movement by Octopus vulgaris. *Current Biology*, doi: 10.2139/ssrn.3565033
  
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10. Maiolo F, Giachero S, Fossati SM, Rocchi A and **Zullo L** (2019) mTOR as a Marker of Exercise and Fatigue in Octopus vulgaris Arm. *Front. Physiol*. 10:1161. doi: 10.3389/fphys.2019.01161
  
11. Xu PA, Mishral AK, Bai H, Aubin CA, **Zullo L**, Shepherd RF (2019) Optical lace for synthetic afferent neural networks. *Science Robotics* 4 (34) eaaw6304. doi: 10.1126/scirobotics.aaw6304
  
12. Neshet N, Maiolo F, Shomrat T, Hochner B, **Zullo L** (2019) From synaptic input to muscle contraction: arm muscle cells of Octopus vulgaris show unique neuromuscular junction and

- excitation–contraction coupling properties. *Proc. R. Soc.* 286 (1909)  
doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2019.1278
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  14. Nakajima R, Shigeno S, **Zullo L**, De Sio F and Schmidt MR (2018) Cephalopods between Science, Art, and Engineering: a contemporary synthesis. *Front. Commun.*, 3:20. doi: 10.3389/fcomm.2018.00020
  15. **Zullo L**, Buschiazzo A, Massollo M, Riondato M, Democrito A, Marini C, Benfenati F, Sambuceti G (2018) Small-Animal 18F-FDG PET for Research on *Octopus vulgaris*: Applications and Future Directions in Invertebrate Neuroscience and Tissue Regeneration. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, 59(8):1302-1307 doi: 10.2967/jnumed.117.205393.
  16. Zullo A, Simone E, Grimaldi M, Gagliardi M, **Zullo L**, Matarazzo MR, Mancini FP (2018) Effect of nutrient deprivation on the expression and the epigenetic signature of sirtuin genes. *Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases*, 28(4):418-424. doi: 10.1016/j.numecd.2018.02.004.
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  19. Nödl MT, Fossati SM, Domingues P, Sánchez FJ, **Zullo L** (2015) The making of an octopus arm. *Evo Devo* , 6:19. doi: 10.1186/s13227-015-0012-8  
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## Book Chapters

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