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Dr. Priscila Chaverri obtained a BSc in Forestry from the Costa Rica Institute of Technology and a PhD in Plant Pathology from The Pennsylvania State University (U.S.A.) advised by Dr. Gary J. Samuels. She then continued on to a postdoc at Cornell University (U.S.A.) supervised by Dr. Kathie T. Hodge. Currently, she is an Associate Professor at the University of Costa Rica and a visiting scientist at the USDA (Maryland, U.S.A.). Dr. Chaverri's expertise is in all aspects of fungal systematics, taxonomy, evolution, and phylogenetics mostly of Hypocreales and *Trichoderma*. The most recent focus of her research has been on using systematics, phylogenetics/phylogenomics, genomics, and metabolomics to predict ecological functions and biological activity of fungi found in natural phytobiomes, with emphasis in biological control and sustainable agriculture. She has over 100 publications, has obtained ~USD\$9,000,000 in grants (as principal or co-principal investigator, and collaborator), has given ~10 keynote or plenary talks, >30 invited talks, and >70 contributed presentations in professional conferences. She has received multiple awards and recognitions, including "Face of the Future" by the American Phytopathological Society; C.J. Alexopolous award by the Mycological Society of America; Scientist of the Year, bestowed by the National Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Science and Technology (Costa Rica) to one outstanding scientist; and most recently she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (Costa Rica). She has been in various journal editorial boards and currently is an Executive Editor of *Mycologia*. Dr. Chaverri has also taught many courses in the United States and Costa Rica and has supervised multiple undergraduate and graduate students in both countries.