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Professional Profile

Dr. Stefansson is a scientist and an entrepreneur with a Ph.D. in genetics and an Executive MBA in business management. He has focused his career on different aspects of environmental sustainability. ranging from natural resource management to sustainable bioprocessing. His efforts have supported economic growth and created novel business opportunities. Prior to joining Exponent, he worked as a Research Associate and a Manager at Harvard University. He oversaw and managed grant applications. reporting, budgets, and financial forecasts to facilitate groundbreaking research on ancient DNA and microbiology.

While heading a population genetics laboratory at the Marine and Freshwater Research Institute in Reykjavik, Dr. Stefansson oversaw three large EU-funded projects. He advised the Government of Iceland, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), and the International Whaling Commission (IWC) on the sustainable management of natural resources across the globe. By employing the methods of ecology, genetics, and evolutionary biology, he researched the impact of paleoclimate change on the evolutionary history of animal species. He has also taken a multidisciplinary approach when forecasting the impact of anthropogenic climate change on marine protists.

Dr. Stefansson has worked at the intersection of academia and industry to spearhead an R&D program in northern Iceland. The goal of the work there was to increase the sustainability of fisheries and agriculture by developing microbial upstream bioprocesses that utilized organic waste for media formulation. These microbes synthesized healthy omega-3 fatty acids, which as his feasibility studies showed, could be developed as supplements for human consumption and in aquaculture.

Dr. Stefansson has worked on data analysis across several fields including genetics, ecology, experimental biology, human resource management, and finance. He has broad experience in bioinformatics, which has covered many different animal species as well as microbes. He has mined data from corporate and international sources (e.g. GenBank, NOAA) to obtain high-throughput genotypes and sequence data as well as phenotypic traits and physical data. He has invented his own methods to convert qualitative genotypes into quantitative numeric data to achieve comparison between unrelated data sets. Experimental design, multivariate analysis, and statistical and mathematical modeling to test hypotheses by applying a breadth of specialized software (including R packages) have been an integral part of his work as a practitioner.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

M.B.A., Executive Business Administration and Management, Reykjavik University, Iceland, 2006

Ph.D., Zoology, University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, 2001

B.Sc., Biology, University of Iceland, 1995

Awarded to the Reich Lab, Harvard University: Various ancient human DNA projects

- National Institute of Health, USA
- John Templeton Foundation, USA
- Paul Allen Family Foundation, USA
- Private funding, USA and EU

AVS R&D Fund of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Iceland: Chemically controlled lipogenesis of microalgae for increased product yield

SSNV: Cultural Development Grant of Northwest Iceland for the publication of Iceview Magazine, Volume

SSNV: Cultural Development Grant of Northwest Iceland for the publication of Iceview Magazine, Volume 2

SSNV: Cultural Development Grant of Northwest Iceland for the publication of Iceview Magazine, Volume

Ministry of Industries and Innovation, Iceland: Examination of the feasibility of obtaining products from heterotrophic microalgae (Thraustochytriaceae) in culture

The Icelandic Center for Research: Utilization of by-products from fisheries and agriculture to formulate media for heterotrophic microalgae

The Icelandic Center for Research: Scaling up of cultures for the production of polyunsaturated omega-3 fatty acids using heterotrophic microalgae

AVS R&D Fund of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Iceland: Examination of the viability of obtaining products from heterotrophic microalgae (Thraustochytriaceae) in culture

SSNV: Economic Development Fund, Iceland: Utilization of by-products from fish processing for media formulation for heterotrophic microalgae

AVS R&D Fund of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Iceland: Production of high-value products from macro algae

BioVal, Regional Government of Valencia, Spain: Development of biosensors

Programa Torres Quevedo, Ministerio de Education y Ciencia, Spain: Development of biosensors

University College Cork, Ireland: Ph.D. fully funded

EU-COMETT Programme, University Enterprise Training Partnership, EU: Student grant

Training and Mobility of Researcher Programme (TMR) of the EU: Student grant

The Icelandic Center for Research: Several grants for laboratory equipment and infrastructure

MFRI, Iceland: Several grants for research on the population genetics and the evolution of redfish

MFRI, Iceland: The use of molecular genetics in the breeding of halibut for culture

Academic Appointments

Research Manager and Research Associate, Harvard University, 2020 – 2023

Research Fellow, University of Akureyri, Iceland, 2011 – 2019

Senior Scientist, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute, Iceland, 2000 – 2007

Research Associate, University College Cork, Ireland, 1995 – 2000

Prior Experience

Research Manager and Research Associate, Harvard University, 2020 – 2023

Scientific Consultant, nList, 2019 – 2020

Research Fellow, University of Akureyri & BioPol Ltd., Iceland, 2011 – 2019

Founder and Managing Editor, Iceview Magazine, Iceland, 2015 – 2018

Chief Scientific Officer, Biosensores, S.L., Spain, 2009 – 2011

Project Manager, Office of the CEO, University Hospital of Iceland, 2007 – 2009

Senior Scientist, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute, Iceland, 2000 – 2007

Research Associate, University College Cork, Ireland, 1995 – 2000

Professional Affiliations

Association of University Teachers in Akureyri, Iceland, Member

Icelandic Confederation of University Graduates, Reykjavik, Iceland, Member

The Ecological Society of Iceland, Member

Nordic Lipidforum, Scandinavia, Member

nList Publishing, Chair of the Board

Park Ltd., Board of Directors

European funded projects on redfish and cod, Member of Delegations

Icelandic Delegation on redfish stock structure at the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Member

Icelandic Delegation of Stock Identity and Management Units of Redfish (SGSIMUR), ICES, Member

University of Iceland, Department of Biology, Board Member

University of Iceland, Department of Biology, Educational Committee, Member

Culture Committee of Skagastrond, Member

Health Board of the District of Kopavogur, Member

Kopavogur Institute of Education, Board Member

Languages

Icelandic

Spanish (Spain)

Publications

Peer-reviewed publications

- H. Eiríksdóttir, M. Örn Stefánsson, H. Einarsson. Development of Growth Media from Agricultural By-Products for Cultivation of PUFA-Producing Sicyoidochytrium minutum. Marine Drugs 2021, 20, 8.
- M. Ö. Stefánsson, S. Baldursson, K. P. Magnússon, A. Eyþórsdóttir, H. Einarsson. Isolation, Characterization and Biotechnological Potentials of Thraustochytrids from Icelandic Waters. Marine Drugs 2019, 17, 449.
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- M. Ö. Stefánsson, T. Sigurdsson, C. Pampoulie, A. K. Daníelsdóttir, B. Thorgilsson, A. Ragnarsdóttir, D. Gíslason, J. Coughlan, T. Cross, L. Bernatchez. Pleistocene genetic legacy suggests incipient species of Sebastes mentella in the Irminger Sea. Heredity 2009, 102, 514–24.
- A. K. Daníelsdóttir, D. Gíslason, K. Kristinsson, M. Ö. Stefánsson, T. Johansen, C. Pampoulie. Population Structure of Deep-Sea and Oceanic Phenotypes of Deepwater Redfish in the Irminger Sea and Icelandic Continental Slope: Are They Cryptic Species? Transactions of the American Fisheries Society 2008, 137, 1723–1740.
- C. Pampoulie, M. Ö. Stefánsson, T. D. Jörundsdóttir, B. S. Danilowicz, A. K. Daníelsdóttir. Recolonization history and large-scale dispersal in the open sea: the case study of the North Atlantic cod, Gadus morhua L. Biological Journal of the Linnean Society 2008, 94, 315–329.
- C. Pampoulie, P. Steingrund, M. Ö. Stefánsson, A. K. Danielsdóttir. Genetic divergence among East Icelandic and Faroese populations of Atlantic cod provides evidence for historical imprints at neutral and non-neutral markers. ICES Journal of Marine Science 2008, 65, 65–71.
- M. Ö. Stefánsson, C. Pampoulie, B. Thorgilsson, A. Ragnarsdottrir, D. Gislason, A. K. Danielsdottir, T. Sigurosson. Natural selection and adaptation of the deep-sea redfish Sebastes mentella. Journal of fish biology 2006, 69, 235–235.
- C. Pampoulie, T. D. Jörundsdóttir, A. Steinarsson, G. Pétursdóttir, M. Ö. Stefánsson, A. K. Daníelsdóttir. Genetic comparison of experimental farmed strains and wild Icelandic populations of Atlantic cod (Gadus morhua L.). Aquaculture 2006, 261, 556–564.

- M. Ö. Stefánsson, C. Pampoulie. The influence of depth in fishery management: evidence from redfish (Sebastes mentella) and cod (Gadus morhua). Journal of Fish Biology 2006, 69, 256–256.
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- M. Ö. Stefánsson, R. D. Fitzgerald, T. F. Cross. Growth, feed utilization and growth heterogeneity in juvenile turbot Scophthalmus maximus (Rafinesque) under different photoperiod regimes. Aquaculture Research 2002, 33, 177–188.
- A. Langston, R. Hoare, M. Stefansson, R. Fitzgerald, H. Wergeerland, M. Mulcahy. The effect of temperature on non-specific defence parameters of three strains of juvenile Atlantic halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus L.). Fish & Shellfish Immunology 2002, 12, 61–76.
- J. Coughlan, M. Ö. Stefánsson, P. Galvin, E. Dillane, R. FitzGerald, T. Cross. Isolation and characterization of 11 microsatellite loci in Atlantic halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus L.). Molecular Ecology 2000, 9, 822–824.
- T. M. Jonassen, A. K. Imsland, R. Fitzgerald, S. W. Bonga, E. V. Ham, G. Naevdal, M. O. Stefánsson, S. O. Stefansson. Geographic variation in growth and food conversion efficiency of juvenile Atlantic halibut related to latitude. Journal of Fish Biology 2000, 56, 279–294.
- M. Ö. Stefánsson, A. K. Imsland, M. D. Jenssen, T. M. Jonassen, S. Stefansson, R. FitzGerald. The effect of different initial size distributions on the growth of Atlantic halibut. Journal of Fish Biology 2000, 56, 826–836.

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- M. Ö. Stefánsson. Oceanic redfish: Genotypes show two different populations (Icl. Úthafskarfinn: Rannsókn á arfgerð sýnir eindregið tvo stofna). Fiskifréttir 2006, 24, 8.
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Technical reports and advice

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- G. A. Víkingsson, D. Ólafsdóttir, Þ. Gunnlaugsson, S. Halldórsson, A. Galan, V. Svansson, E. Jörundsson, M. Kjeld, K. Daníelsdóttir, D. Gíslason, G. Auðunsson, B. Þorgilsson, M. Ö. Stefánsson, S. Hjartarsdóttir, G. Þórðarson, D. Pike, Research programme on common minke whales (Balaenoptera acutorostrata) in Icelandic waters, Tech. Rep., A progress report May 2005 presented at the International Whaling Commission (IWC) Scientific Meeting, 30 May 8 June 2005, Ulsan, Republic of Korea. IWC 2005 SC/57/O14, 2005.
- M. Ö. Stefánsson, D. Gíslaon, B. Þorgilsson, A. Ragnarsdóttrir, A. K. Daníelsdóttir, Þ. Sigurðsson, Population structure of S. mentella within and around the Irminger Sea, Tech. Rep., ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. ICES CM 2005/ACFM:10 WD7, 2005.
- M. Ö. Stefánsson, D. Gíslason, B. Þorgilsson, A. Ragnarsdóttrir, C. Pampoulie, V. Chosson, T. D. Jörundsdóttir, A. K. Daníelsdóttir, Þ. Sigurðsson, Depth as a barrier to gene-flow in S. mentella within the Irminger Sea, Tech. Rep., ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. ICES CM 2005/ACFM:21 WD32, 2005.
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- A. K. Daníelsdóttir, B. Þorgilsson, M. Ö. Stefánsson, A. Ragnarsdóttrir, Þ. D. Jörundsdóttir, C. Pampoulie, The Norwegian/Icelandic DNA Register, Tech. Rep., Paper presented at the International Whaling

- Commission meeting of the specialist group on the DNA register/market sampling scheme approach (IWC SGDNA), the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla, California, USA, 7th 9th March 2005. IWC/N05/RMSWG/SGDNA04, 2005.
- M. Ö. Stefánsson, D. Gíslason, B. Þorgilsson, A. Ragnarsdóttrir, C. Pampoulie, V. Chosson, Þ. D. Jörundsdóttir, A. K. Daníelsdóttir, Þ. Sigurðsson, Depth as a barrier to gene-flow in S. mentella within the Irminger Sea, Tech. Rep., North-Western Working Group meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, 26 April 5 May 2005. ICES/WD27, 2005.
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