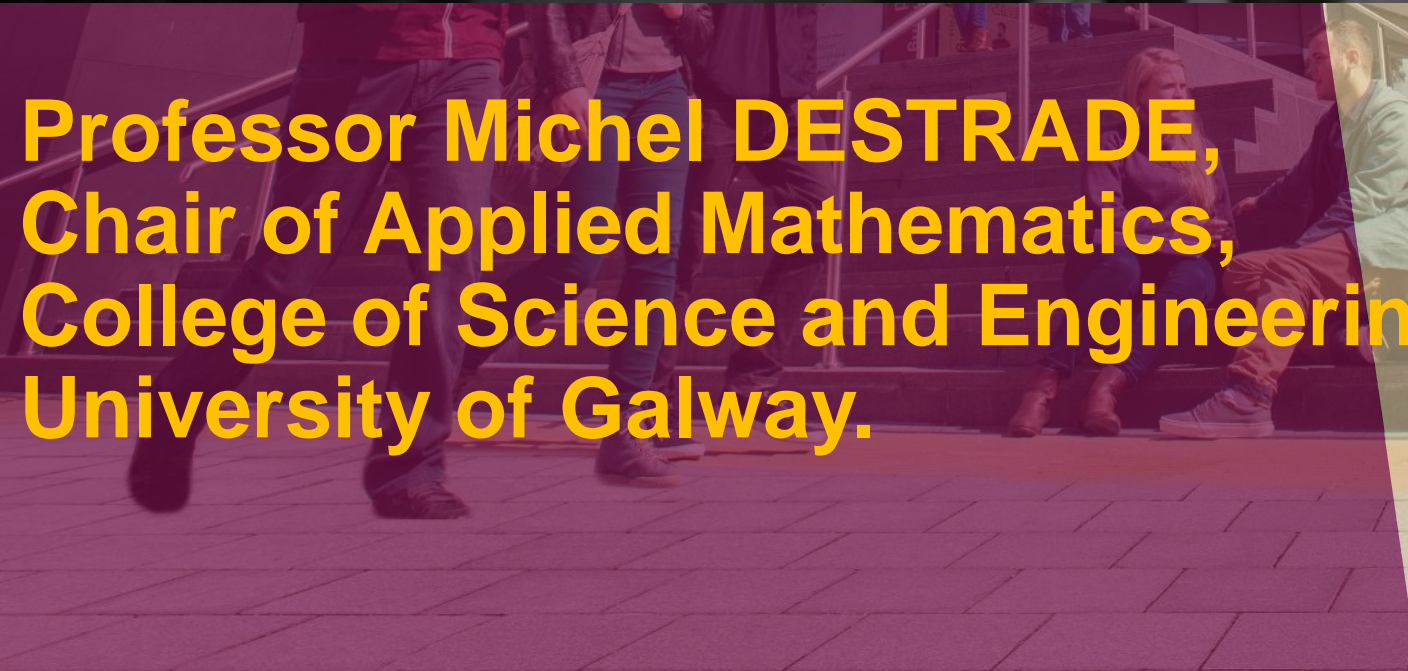




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The Supervisor's Perspective



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My track record

- **1997: MC PhD Fellowship -> FAIL**
- **1998: MC PhD Fellowship -> SUCCESS**
- **2007: MSCA-IF to Arizona: 75% -> FAIL**
- **2008: MSCA-IF to UCD: 84% -> SUCCESS**
- **2012: MC-COFUND with Luigi -> SUCCESS**
- **2016: MC-IF with Valentina: 92% -> SUCCESS**

Excellence: 4.60; Impact: 4.60; Implementation: 4.60

- **2016: IRC with Valentina -> SUCCESS**
- **2017: IRC with Yipin -> SUCCESS**
- **2017: MC-IF with Yipin: 80% -> FAIL**

Excellence: 3.80; Impact: 4.40; Implementation: 3.90

TIP #1

TIP #2

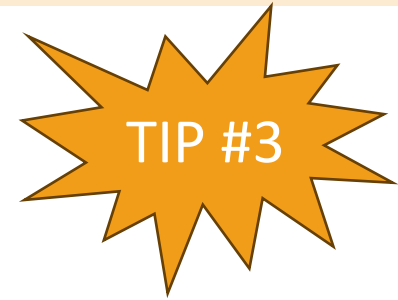


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My track-record

- **2018: MSCA-IF with Souhayl: 80% -> FAIL**

Excellence: 3.80; Impact: 4.30; Implementation: 4.10



- **2019: IRC with Harold -> SUCCESS**

- **2019: IRC with Bin -> SUCCESS**

- **2019: MC-IF with Bin: 94% -> SUCCESS**

Excellence: 4.80; Impact: 4.90; Implementation: 4.10

- **2020: MC-IF with Harold: 94% -> SUCCESS**

Excellence: 4.40; Impact: 5.00; Implementation: 5.00

- **2020: MC-IF with Wanis: 68% -> FAIL**

- **2021: MC-IF with Wanis: 97% -> SUCCESS**

Excellence: 5.00; Impact: 4.60; Implementation: 4.80

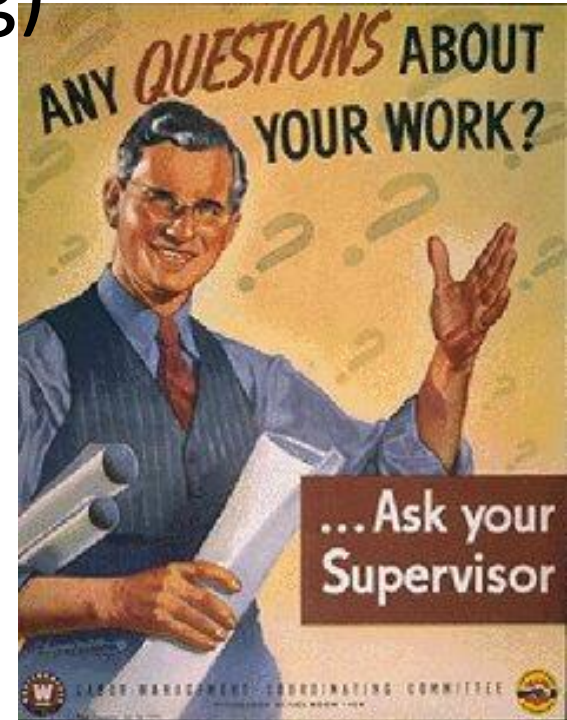


Being a supervisor

- Is a **lot of work** at the proposal stages;
- But has been great to help me grow and diversify.

Finding a good supervisor

- Look at their track record (bibliometrics, funding)
- Contact their post-docs and PhDs;
- Find how you can help them, bring something;
- Contact them **way in advance**;
- Prepare a draft **way in advance**;
- Further **tips**.



How to secure and fast-track your career

- Hard work, but also Time & Chance;
- Networks and opportunities;
- Cultivate skills that make you employable;
- Work on impactful writing;
- Train and upskill;
- Promotion: Use grants and mobility;
- Find a mentor;
- Be nice.

