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Peer Community In: A free alternative to evaluate, validate (and publish?) preprints

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About the Speakers

Thomas Guillemaud and Denis Bourguet are both senior scientists in evolutionary biology at INRAE (France). They co-founded PCI and the Peer Community Journal in 2017 and 2021, respectively.

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