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Where you have come from and what do you teach?

I come from Naples, in the south of Italy and I'm an Associate Professor of Electric Power Systems at the Second University of Naples.

What interested you in the Erskine Programme/Why did you want to come to UC?

I was invited by Professor Neville Watson from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to apply for the Erskine Programme. I decided to accept the invitation for three main reasons:

- *the first because it offered the opportunity to be involved in a different academic teaching system which is very stimulating and attractive;*
- *the second is because the University of Canterbury is maybe the top University in the world for Power Quality studies and that is my research activity field and,*
- *last but not the least, the chance to live a new experience with my wife, who is also an Assistant Professor in the Design field and with my two little daughters who are attending school here in Christchurch.*

What have you been doing at UC?

I'm currently teaching into the course ENEL482 (Electrical Machines 2). The lectures finished last week and now I'm assisting students for the preparation of the final exam. I will also help with marking activity within the Department. At the end of my Erskine Fellowship, which will finish mid-November, I will be remaining at the University of Canterbury for a further three months. I will be undertaking research with Professor Watson.

What have you most enjoyed about your time here at UC/Christchurch?

I (we) have enjoyed most the organization of the University, the kindness of the people, the cool rhythm of the life, the nature, the peace and the opportunity to cycle which is not possible in Naples. What we haven't enjoyed so much is the weather since we arrived at the beginning of September when in Italy is the end of a Mediterranean summer, but the spring is coming!