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Born on September 9, 1946 in Venice, Italy

Education and training

Medical Doctor degree summa cum laude in July 1971 from the State University of Pavia, Italy. Fellowship from the Ghislieri College foundation during medical studies 1965-71.

Visiting fellow from July to December 1968 and **research associate** from January 1972 to March 1974 in the Department of Genetics of Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, Cal., U.S.A. Worked with professors Eric Shooter and Luigi Luca Cavalli Sforza.

Stagiaire from November 1974 to November 1975, with a fellowship from E.M.B.O., the European Molecular Biology Organization, in the Department of Molecular Biology of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France. Worked with dr. Moshe Yaniv.

Honorary research fellow from January to March, 1985, with a fellowship from the Italian Association for Cancer Research, in the Department of Virology of the University of Glasgow, U.K. Worked in John H. Subak-Sharpe's group.

Employment

Assistant professor of Genetics "in charge" from November 1973 to June 1975, then "ordinary" assistant from June 1975 to October 1980, in the Faculty of Biological Sciences, State University of Pavia, Italy.

Full professor of Genetics “extraordinary” from February 1981 to January 1984, then “ordinary” professor from February 1984 to October 1984, in the Faculty of Biological Sciences of the State University of Catania, Italy. Full professor of General Biology from November 1984, then of General Genetics, of Molecular Genetics, and presently of Human Genetics, in the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the State University of Verona, Italy.

Director of the Institute of Biological Sciences from its foundation in 1984 to 1994, then of the Institute of Biology and Genetics from 1994 to 1999, director of the Department of Mother and Child, Biology and Genetics from Oct 2004 to Sept 2007, and again from 2007 to 2010. Coordinator of the Section of Biology and Genetics from 1999 to 2010. Director of the School of Specialization in Medical Genetics from its foundation in November 1988 to 14.4.2010. Director of the Department of Life and Reproduction Sciences from 2010 to 2012, and re-elected for years 2012-2015.

Research experience

Steering committee member, European Community Cystic Fibrosis Concerted Action 1990-2, 1993-5, and 1996-8; European Community CF Network 1999-2003.

Advisory board member, Eurogentest FP6 Network of Excellence from 2004 to 2010.

Participant member, EUROCARE CF EU-FP6 Coordination Action from 2006 to 2010; GABRIEL EU-FP6 Integrated Project on genetic and environmental causes of asthma from 2006 to 2010; MACPROGEN EU-FP7 national reference centre for genomics and proteomics 2009-2012.

Member of scientific societies: Italian Society of Human Genetics (member of the steering committee 1998-2000, president 2001-2005); Italian Society of Medical Genetics (member of the steering committee 1995 -1998); Italian Association of Genetics (member of the steering committee 1982-1984); European Society of Human Genetics (member of the board 2003-2010, president-elect 2006-7, president 2007-8, vice-president 2008-9); European Biomedical Research Association; American Society of Human Genetics, International Society for Applied Biological Sciences (member of the scientific committee 2007-2010).

Member of the scientific committee for the 2013 European Cystic Fibrosis Society conference.

Editorial board member, “Molecular and Cellular Probes” from 1990; “Journal of Applied Genetics” from 2002; “Balkan Journal of Medical Genetics” from 2005, the “International Journal of Medical Biology” from 2012

Referee for scientific journals: Human Genetics, Human Molecular Genetics, European Journal of Human Genetics, American Journal of Medical Genetics, Journal of Medical Genetics, Clinical Genetics, Gene Geography, Gene, Molecular and Cellular Probes, the Lancet, Pediatrics, Pediatric Research, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Journal of Cystic Fibrosis, Journal of Chromatography, Biomedical Applications, American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, European Respiratory Journal, Journal

of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Genes and Immunity, Respiratory Research, Atherosclerosis, Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, Clinical Chemistry, "BioMed Central Bioinformatics, Hepatology, Journal of Lipid Research, Hormone and Metabolic Research, American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Journal of Andrology, Rivista Italiana di Pediatria.

Referee for institutions: the Italian Ministry of University and Research, the Italian Ministry of Health, the Italian Interuniversity Consortium for Biotechnologies, the University of Padua, the University of Siena, the University of Novara, the Foundation Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo, the International Human Frontier Science Program, I.N.S.E.R.M., Vaincre la Mucoviscidose, the French Agence Nationale de la Recherche, the University Henri Poincare-Nancy, the Irish Health Research Board, the University of Melbourne, the University of Leuven, the German Israeli Foundation.

Has done **research** on serum protein polymorphisms, nerve growth factor composition and function, DNA tumor virus structure and replication, and since 1984 to present in human molecular genetics of mendelian and complex diseases. He is presently working on genotype-phenotype correlations in atherosclerosis, asthma, and CFTR- related disorders.

Has published over 200 full **papers** on peer-reviewed major international journals listed in the Science Citation Index.

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