



PERSONAL

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GRADUATE EDUCATION

Dec 13, 1976	Degree in Biology, University of Catania (Italy)
July 9, 1984	Degree in Medicine and Surgery, University of Catania (Italy)

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

1979	Specialization in Microbiology and Virology University of Catania (Italy)
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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

1976-1981	Volunteer Assistant- Institute of Microbiology, University of Catania (Italy)
1981	Junior Resident in Clinical Microbiology, London Hospital, London, UK
1982	Junior Resident in Oral Microbiology, London Hospital Medical School for Dentistry, London (UK)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1987		Associate Professor of Clinical Microbiology, Medical School, University of Catania, Italy
1991	until now	Associate Professor of Clinical Microbiology, Medical School, University of Milan, Italy
1995	until now	Chief of the Laboratory of Microbiology, L. Sacco University Hospital, Milan, Italy
1995 – 2000.		Chief of the Laboratory of Microbiology, LITA, University of Milan, Italy
2001	until now	Chief of the Italian National Reference Lab for Bioterrorism
2003	until now	Chief of the Italian National Reference Lab for SARS and Infectious Emergencies
2005	until now	Direttore UOC Microbiologia Clinica, Virologia e Bioemergenze, Sacco, Miano
2007 – 2009		Delegate of the Ministry of the University and Research for the Commission of the Smith and Kline Foundation
2007		Member of the National Commission on Aids
2008		European Commission “Expert Support Facility – CBNR Training Centres”
2008		Member of the National Commission “Unità Alto Isolamento “of the Italian Government
2009		Expert of the Italian National Committee for Biosecurity, Biotechnologies and Life Sciences – Presidency of the Council of Ministers
2014	until now	Responsible of L. Sacco University Hospital Bioemergency Plan
2018	Until now	Expert of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – BWC/ISU partner coordination and engagement strategy
2020	Until now	Covid diagnostic expert - Regione Lombardia
2022	Until now	Small-pox diagnostic expert – Regione Lombardia
2023		Direttore Dipartimento Medicina di Laboratorio – ASST FBF SACCO

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1978-1979		Microbiology, Nurses School, University of Catania
1980-1985		Microbiology, Dental School, University of Catania

- 1981-1984 Bacteriology and Virology Laboratory Diagnostics, Specialization in General Pathology, Medical School, University of Catania
- 1982-1984 Microbiology and Oral Hygiene – Specialization in Odontology, Medical School, University of Catania
- 1983-1984 Bacteriology and Virology
Laboratory Diagnostics, Specialization of General Pathology, Medical School, University of Catania

- 1987-1991 Bacteriological Techniques, Specialization of Microbiology, Medical School, University of Catania
- 1987-1991 Pathogenic Action of Microorganisms, Specialization of Microbiology, Medical School, University of Catania
- 1993 until now Clinical Microbiology, Medical School, University of Milan, Italy 1993 until now General Microbiology, Medical School, University of Milan, Italy 1995 until now Clinical Microbiology at the Specialization of
- Gastroenterology
 - Tropical Medicine
 - Microbiology and Virology
 - Internal Medicine
 - Bronchopneumology
 - Rheumatology
- 2017 Visiting Professor European Master Disaster Medicine, Università del Piemonte Orientale
- 2018 until now Expert of MAE at UNODA (UN) for the Implementation of BWC

MEMBER

- * Scientific Committee for the Continuing Education (Polo Univ. L. Sacco, Milano)
- * EBSA (European Biosafety Association)
- * SIC (Società Italiana di Chemioterapia)
- * ISC (International Society of Chemotherapy)
- * ESCMID (European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infect. Diseases)
- * Educational Board of ESCMID
- * Who's Who in the World
- * Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare
- * Who's Who in Engineering
- * BBM (British Bibliography Members)
- * Working group of the European Commission "Health & Consumer Protection"

(Directorate General, Bruxelles, Belgium)

- * CME Commission Region of Lombardia

- * Member of Avian Flu Commission
- * Green Years Academy (Honorary Member)
- * Rotary Club Manzoni Studium of Milan (President 2006-2007)
- * President of *Women in Milan* Foundation
- * H24 Emergency Scientific Commission of the Regione Lombardia
- * AEREC (European Association for Research and Commerce)
- * International Advisory Board Alzheimer's Disease, IFE
- * Regione Lombardia's Pandemic Committee
- * Woman of Achievement 2007 (Award)
- * Rosa Camuna 2008 from the President of Regione Lombardia (Awards)
- * Scientific Committee "Fondazione Carlo Erba"
- * Commission for Equal Opportunities, Association of Milan Medical Doctors
- * Expert List of Science Park Area of Trieste (Italy)
- * Scientific Committee of OSDIFE, Rome (Italy)
- * Ambrogino d'Oro Comune di Milano 2005
- * Commendatore della Repubblica (2013)

EDITORIAL BOARD

International Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Medical Microbiology

JAC (Journal Antimicrobial and Chemotherapy)

Medicine and Person

Journal of Probiotics and Prebiotics

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Infectious Diseases [ipid@hindawi.com]

Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobials

REVIEWER

JAC (Journal Antimicrobial and Chemotherapy)

Journal of Probiotics and Prebiotics

BioMedica Central

Reviews in Infection

Postdoctoral Training Program of Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (mother Tongue)

English (Reading, Speaking and Writing)

France (Reading)

SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE AS BIOSAFETY AND BIOSECURITY EXPERT IN THE REGIONS

Country	Institution
Cambodia	(EU Programme)
Laos	(EU Programme)
Vietnam	(EU Programme)
Georgia	(EU Programme)
Nepal	(CNR, Italy)
Indonesia	(EU Programme)
Nigeria	(EU Programme)
Brunei	(EU Programme)
Singapore	(EU Programme)
Morocco	(EU Programme)
Myanmar	(EU Programme)
Ghana	(EU Programme)
Nigeria	(EU Programme)
Jordan	(EU Programme)
Algeria	(EU Programme)
Philippines	(EU Programme)
Malaysia	(EU Programme)
Thailand	(EU Programme)
Uganda	(EU Programme)

PUBLICATIONS (IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)

400

Citations (All – 2022) 5293

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INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS (last 9 years)

Prevention of Illicit Trafficking and deceptive financial practices – Europe AID/128284/C/SER/multi

Biosafety/Biosecurity in Africa mainly including organization of a workshop – FWC Commission 2008 – Europe AID

Multiple Framework Contract for short term technical assistance in the exclusive benefit of third countries – Europe AID

Multiple Framework Contract for short term technical assistance in the exclusive benefit of third countries benefiting from the Commission External AID programmes or these beneficiaries together with EU Commission

Sharing experience between EU and South East Asian countries on the reinforcement of legislations and regulations in the field of biosafety and biosecurity, as well as relevant laboratories management systems through Regional Centre of Excellence – EU DEVCO

Sharing experience between EU and South East Asian countries on the reinforcement of legislations and regulations in the field of bio-safety and bio-security, as well as relevant laboratories management systems through Regional Centre of Excellence – phase 2 – UNICRI and EU Commission

Knowledge development and transfer of best practice on CBRN import/export monitoring Guidelines, Procedures and standardization in biosafety and biosecurity – UNICRI and EU Commission

Capacity building and raising awareness for identifying and responding to threats from CBRN materials – UNICRI and EU Commission

International Network of Universities and Institutes for Raising Awareness on Dual-Use Concern in Bio-Technology – UNICRI and EU Commission

Knowledge development and transfer of best practice on chemical and biological wastemanagement – UNICRI and EU Commission

FWC IFS 2014 – Multiple Framework contract to recruit short-term services in the exclusive interest of third countries benefiting from European Union external aid Lot number: Lot 1 – Lot title: Risk Mitigation

Project 46 – [IFS/2014/355443] – Enhancement of CBRN capacities of South East Asia – 2015

Enhancing individual and institutional infectious Disease Outbreaks Response capacities of healthcare professionals to mitigate infectious Emergencies in the Northern Uganda region (ENDORSE)

Network REGIONALE per lo sviluppo di metodi Diagnostici in risposta rapida a epidemie emergenti e bioemergenze (READY) (2017)

IFS/2019/408-380 - BIOSEC Enhanced Biosecurity in South-East Asia - P81 (2018)

IFS/2017/390-601 “MEDISAFE Combating falsified medicines in Eastern and Central Africa” (2019)

EU Commission – RescEU D SIM IT

PUBLISHED BOOKS

Ombre allo Specchio – ed. La Nave di Teseo (2020)

Marta non può attendere – Feltrinelli e-book

La cucina sul cortile – ed. Gocce d’acqua

Un camice per mamma – Ed Ulisse

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Founder and President of Fondazione Donna a Milano Onlus with activity in Italy and Africa
Past President Rotary Club Manzoni Studium Milano