



## PERSONAL

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## GRADUATE EDUCATION

1976 Degree in Biology, University of Catania (Italy)  
1984 Degree in Medicine and Surgery, University of Catania (Italy)

## POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

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

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

1976-1981 Intern in Institute of Microbiology, University of Milan (Italy)  
1982 Intern and Junior Resident in Clinical Microbiology, London Hospital, London, UK  
1982 Intern and Junior Resident in Oral Microbiology, London Hospital Medical School for Dentistry  
1986 Intern in Microbiology, Tennessee University, USA

## 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	until now	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
2007	until now	Delegate of the Ministry of the University and Research for the Commission of the Smith and Kline Foundation
2007	until now	Member of the National Commission on Aids
2008	until now	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

## 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    untill now    Clinical Microbiology, Medical School, University of Milan, Italy
- 1993    untill now    Microbiology, Medical School, University of Milan, Italy
- 1995    untill now    Clinical Microbiology at the Specialization of  
                               - Gastroenterology  
                               - Tropical Medicine  
                               - Microbiology and Virology  
                               - Internal Medicine  
                               - Bronchopneumology  
                               - Rheumatology
- 2001    untill now    Chief of the Italian National Reference Lab for Bioemergency
- 2011 untill now – Responsible of Bioemergency Plan – L. Sacco University Hospital, Milan

#### 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' sWho 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 Accademy (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 Bord Alzheimer's Disease, IFE
- \* Regione Lombardia's Pandemic Committee
- \* Woman of Achievement 2007
- \* Rosa Camuna 2008 from the President of Regione Lombardia.
- \* 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)

#### EDITIONAL BOARD

JAC (Journal Antimicrobial and Chemotherapy)

Medicine and Person

Journal of Probiotics and Prebiotics

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

#### 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)

## SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE AS BIOSAFETY AND BIOSECURITY EXPERT IN THE REGIONS

Country	Institution
Cambogia	(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)
Algers	(EU Programme)
Philippines	(EU Programme)
Malaysia	(EU Programme)
Thayland	(EU Programme)
Uganda	(EU Programme)

## PUBLICATIONS (IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)

263

## INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

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

Biosafety/Biosecurity in Africa manly including organization of a wks - FWC Commission 2008 - Europe AID

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

Multiple Framework Contract for short term technical assistance in the esclusive benefit of third countries benefiting from the Commission External AID programmes or these beneficiaries togeter 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 n 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 waste management - 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