

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EXPERTISE

- Principal areas of expertise **Clinical neurology, clinical immunology, inflammatory disease of the nervous system, imaging of the nervous system**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to) **1984-1990**
- Name and address of employer **University of Florence, Florence, Italy**
- Type of business or sector **Dept. of Neurology**
- Occupation or position held **National Research Council research fellow**
- Main activities and responsibilities **Research**

- Dates (from – to) **1988-1991**
- Name and address of employer **Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University, Boston, Ma, USA**
- Type of business or sector **Neuroimmunology Unit, Dept. of Neurology**
- Occupation or position held **postdoctoral fellow**
- Main activities and responsibilities **research**
- Dates (from – to) **1991-1995**
- Name and address of employer **Careggi University Hospital, Florence, Italy**
- Type of business or sector **Dept. of Neurology**



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities 	<p>Staff neurologist Patients clinical care</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) 	1995-2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of employer 	Florence University, Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of business or sector 	Dept. of Neurology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities 	Assistant Professor of Neurology Research and patient clinical care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) 	2001-2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of employer 	Florence University, Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of business or sector 	Dept. of Neurology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities 	Associated Professor in Neurology Teaching, Research, patient clinical care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) 	2005-today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of employer 	Florence University, Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of business or sector 	Dept. of Neurology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities 	Full Professor of Neurology Teaching, Research, patient clinical care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) 	2005-today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of employer 	Careggi University Hospital-University of Florence, Florence, Italy; Dept. of Neurosciences <i>IInd Neurology Division,</i> <i>Chief</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of business or sector 	Teaching, Research, patient clinical care, clinical management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) 	2008-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of employer 	Florence University, Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of business or sector 	PHD Program in Neurosciences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities 	Coordinator Research organization, teaching
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) 	2008-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of employer 	Florence University, Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of business or sector 	Resident Program In Neurophysiopathology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation or position held 	Director



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities • Dates (from – to) • Name and address of employer • Type of business or sector • Occupation or position held • Main activities and responsibilities 	<p>Teaching and tutoring residents, patient clinical care, management</p> <p>2009-2010</p> <p>National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA</p> <p>NINDS, Neuroimmunology Branch <i>Adjunct Scientist</i> research</p> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) • Name and address of employer • Type of business or sector • Occupation or position held • Main activities and responsibilities 	<p>2010-today</p> <p>National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA</p> <p>NINDS, Neuroimmunology Branch <i>Visiting Scientist</i> research</p> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) • Name and address of employer • Type of business or sector • Occupation or position held • Main activities and responsibilities 	<p>2012-today</p> <p>Careggi University Hospital-University of Florence, Florence, Italy</p> <p><i>Dept. of Neurosciences</i> <i>Director</i> Management of clinical and research activities</p>

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) • Name and type of organization providing education and training • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered 	<p>1975-1982</p> <p>University of Florence</p> <p>School of Medicine and Surgery</p> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of qualification awarded • Level in national classification 	<p>Medical degree</p> <p>110/110 cum laude</p> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates (from – to) • Name and type of organization providing education and training • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered 	<p>1982-1986</p> <p>University of Florence</p> <p>Resident program in Clinical Neurology</p> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of qualification awarded • Level in national classification 	<p>Specialization in Neurology</p> <p>70/70 cum laude</p>



• Dates (from – to)	1986-1990
• Name and type of organization providing education and training	University of Florence
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Resident program in Clinical Immunology
• Title of qualification awarded	Specialization in Clinical Immunology
• Level in national classification	70/70 cum laude
• Dates (from – to)	1982
• Name and address of employer	Stanford University, Palo Alto, Ca, USA,
• Type of business or sector	Neurology Department, Laboratory of Neurochemistry
• Occupation or position held	visiting fellow, research
• Main activities and responsibilities	
• Dates (from – to)	1985
• Name and address of employer	National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Ma, USA
• Type of business or sector	NINDS, Neuroimmunology Branch
Occupation or position held	visiting fellow, research
• Main activities and responsibilities	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Dates (from – to)

1994-1997,

ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION OF RESEARCH GROUPS.

project leader of the international project entitled "Concerted Action on T-cell Autoimmunity in Multiple Sclerosis" funded by the R&D program of the General Directorate XII of the European Union Commission,

1997-1999:

coordinator of the Italian multicentric project funded by the Associazione Italiana Sclerosi Multipla (AISM) entitled "Centralized Facility per genetic studies in Multiple Sclerosis".

1998-2001

scientific coordinator of the study entitled "Open randomized clinical study on different doses of β IFN1 α , also in association with Azathioprine, in patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis".

2006-2011

coordinator of the multicentric Randomized Controlled Trial funded by the Italian Drug Agency (AIFA) "Randomized controlled study of Azathioprine versus Interferon beta in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis".

FURTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

1993-today

- Italian Multiple Sclerosis Society (AISM); member of the Scientific Committee and of the Research Evaluation Committee.

- 1994-1997 "Concerted Action on T-cell Autoimmunity in Multiple Sclerosis" R&D program of the del DG XII EU Commission, Project Leader.
- 1999-2000 International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies Scientific Program Committee; member of the Medical Advisory Board.
- 1995-2001 Biomedical Primate Research EU Large Scale Facility, Rijswijk, The Nederland; member of the Scientific Committee.
- 2009-today European Medicines Agency (EMEA), London, UK; Scientific Advisory Group – Neurology, member.
- 2009-today Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA), Rome, Italy; Scientific Advisory Group on Neurology, member.
- 2010-2012 National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD, USA. Data and Safety monitoring board (DSMB) of the phase II intramural clinical study: *Investigating mechanism of action of DAQ HYP (Daclizumab) in the treatment of high inflammatory multiple sclerosis*; Chairman

CURRENT TEACHING ACTIVITY AT FLORENCE UNIVERSITY

- 2002-2009, School of Medicine: Clinical Neurology;
- 2005-2009, School of Dentistry: Clinical Neurology;
- 2005-2009, School of Nursing: Clinical Neurology;
- 2005-2009, Faculty of Expmntl. Psychology: Clinical Neurology;
- 2005-2009, Resident Program in Neurology: Clinical Neurology;
- 2005-2009, Resident Program in Neurophysiopath.: Clinical Neurology;
- 2009-today, Resident Program in Emergency Medicine: Clinical Neurology;
- 1991-today, School of Medicine, mentor of 25 Thesis dissertations;
- 1995-today, PhD program in Neurosciences, Supervisor of 10 PhD dissertations.

AFFILIATIONS TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- Società Italiana di Neurologia.
- European Federation of Neurological Societies
- Associazione Italiana di Neuroimmunologia.
- International Society of Neuroimmunology.
- Società Italiana di Immunologia.

REVIEWER FOR

- Journal of Neuroimmunology,
- Journal Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery,
- Journal of Immunology,
- Neurological Sciences,
- Intl. MS journal,
- Italian Multiple Sclerosis Society,
- Dutch Multiple Sclerosis Society,
- Singapore Medical Research Council

PLoS Medicine

PLOS Pathology

Italian Ministry of University and Research

Multiple Sclerosis International, member of the editorial board

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Publications on International Journals quoted in "PubMed" web site, National Library of Medicine (USA).

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