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## Professional Summary

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Research manager (dirigente di ricerca) at the National Research Council Institute for Computational Linguistics “A. Zampolli” since 2003, and head of the *Laboratory for Communication Physiology* (Comphys Lab: <http://www.comphyslab.it>), my main research interests focus on fundamental issues of language architecture and physiology, lying at the interdisciplinary crossroad of cognitive linguistics, psycholinguistics, neuroscience and information science.

Over the last 20 years, I have been leading a data-driven research program that uses artificial neural networks, language models and information and communication technologies to investigate language as a holistic dynamic system, emerging from interrelated patterns of sensory experience, communicative and social interaction and psychological and neurobiological mechanisms. This research program succeeded to go beyond the fragmentation of mainstream natural language processing technologies of the early 21st century, allowing innovation to come out of research labs and address societal needs. Using portable devices and cloud computing to collect ecological multimodal language data, the Comphys Lab currently offers a battery of tools, resources and protocols that support language teaching and education assessment, cultural integration and early diagnosis and intervention of language and cognitive disorders, including:

- the first open-access *Corpus of contemporary Italian for language teaching* (FIRB Paisà, 2011-2013), consisting of over 250 million tokens of richly annotated texts (<https://www.corpusitaliano.it>)
- the European Science Foundation Research Networking Programme *Word Structure in the Languages of Europe* (NetWordS, 2011-2015), coordinating interdisciplinary research on the mental lexicon conducted by more than 40 labs in 16 European countries (<http://www.networks-esf.eu>)
- the first ICT infrastructure for collecting and quantitatively modelling children and adults’ multimodal reading data at scale (PRIN *ReadLet*, 2020-2023)
- an interactive platform for online child reading intervention (@CNR *ReadGround*, 2022-2024)
- an AI-based infrastructure for detecting and monitoring the prodromal stages of Mild Cognitive Impairment through a battery of linguistic tasks (PRIN *ReMind*, 2024-2025; PNRR *Age-It*, 2023-2024)
- an integrated ICT protocol to investigate and support Braille reading (PRIN-PNRR *Braillet* 2024-2025).

## Professional Summary (continued)

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As co-editor in chief of *Lingue e Linguaggio* (il Mulino, Italy) since 2011, I consolidated the journal's international ranking as an ANVUR class A scientific periodical. As of 2021, together with Harald R. Baayen, Melanie Bell and Juhani Järvikivi, I was invited to succeed Gary Libben and Gonia Jarema in the editorship of the interdisciplinary journal *The Mental Lexicon* (Benjamins, the Netherlands). My mentoring activities include the chairing of two international Summer Schools, 6 international conferences and 10 workshops, as well as university teaching and PhD supervision, in Italy and abroad.

In 2021, upon nomination by Prof. Wolfgang U. Dressler and Prof. Angela Ralli, following a peer review by the relevant Class Committee, I was elected member of the *Accademia Europaea* "... due to his outstanding achievements as a researcher" ([https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Pirrelli\\_Vito](https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Pirrelli_Vito)).

## Position

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- Jan 2003 – today     **Research manager** (Dirigente di Ricerca CNR, 1° livello). Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale, Area della Ricerca di Pisa
- Jun 2001 – Dec 2002     **Senior researcher** (Primo Ricercatore CNR, 2° livello). Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale, Area della Ricerca di Pisa
- Mar 1994 – May 2001     **Junior researcher** (Ricercatore CNR, 3° livello). Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale, Area della Ricerca di Pisa
- Jan 1992 – Feb 1994     **Freelance research consultant.**
- Apr 1989 – Dec 1991     **Research assistant.** University of Salford UK

## Education

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- 1990 – 1993     **Ph.D. in Computational Linguistics, University of Salford (UK)**  
Dissertation title: *Morphology, Analogy and Machine Translation*  
supervisor: Prof. Jacques Durand
- 1981 – 1985     **Laurea degree in Computational Linguistics, Università degli Studi di Pisa**  
Dissertation title: *Multidimensional Scaling for linguistic text analysis*  
supervisor: Prof. Antonio Zampolli

## Professional Certification

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- 2020     *Habilitation* as Institute Director for the National Research Council (*Bando 364.325 ILC, 2019*) - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Rome Italy
- 2013     *Habilitation* as Institute Director for the National Research Council (*Bando 364.137 ILC, 2013*) - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Rome Italy

## Research Management

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- 2013 📌 *Pro-tem* Director of the *Institute for Computational Linguistics “Antonio Zampolli”*, Italian National Research Council
- 2012- 📌 Founder and head of the *Laboratory for Communication Physiology* (Comphys Lab: <http://www.comphyslab.it>), Institute for Computational Linguistics and Institute for Clinical Physiology, CNR Pisa
- 2011-2015 📌 Chair of the *Interdisciplinary Research Network* on “Word Structure”, European Science Foundation, Strasbourg France
- 2009-2012 📌 Founder and head of the *Laboratory for Language Dynamics* (DyLan Lab), CNR Institute for Computational Linguistics and University of Pisa, Pisa Italy
- 2009- 📌 Principal investigator of national and international research projects

## Research Grants

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### Awarded as principal investigator

- 2024-2025 📌 **ReMind**, *An ecological, cost-effective AI platform for early detection of prodromal stages of cognitive impairment*  
**PRIN** - Italian Ministry of University and Research  
project no: 2022YKJ8FP  
cost: € 280.834  
funding: € 204.738
- 2022-2023 📌 **ReadGround**, *Piattaforma cloud per il monitoraggio e il potenziamento a distanza delle capacità di lettura del bambino con videogiochi*  
**@CNR** - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche  
project no: SAC.AD002.173.035  
cost: € 73.130  
funding: € 73.130
- 2020-2023 📌 **ReadLet**, *Reading to Understand. an ICT-driven, large-scale investigation of early grade children’s reading strategies*  
**PRIN** - Italian Ministry of University and Research  
project no: 2017W8HFRX  
cost: € 464.530  
funding: € 364.530
- 2011-2015 📌 **NetWordsS**, *The European Network on Word Structure: Cross-disciplinary approaches to understanding word structure in the languages of Europe*  
**European Science Foundation** - Research NetWorking Programmes  
funding: € 601.000
- 2011-2013 📌 **Paisà**, *Piattaforma per l’Apprendimento dell’Italiano Su corpora Annotati*  
**FIRB** - Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research  
project no: RBNE072H7L\_001  
cost: € 405.000  
funding: € 328.500

## Research Grants (continued)

- 2009     **ESF Exploratory Workshop**, *Words In Action: Interdisciplinary Approaches To Understanding Word Processing And Storage - Pisa, Italy October 11 - 14, 2009*  
**European Science Foundation**  
project no: EW08-290  
funding: € 14.000
- 2008     **The morphological paradigm in Romance languages**, *linguistic and psycho-computational aspects*  
**Università Italo-Francese - Programma Galileo**  
funding: € 8.448
- 2007-2009     **ACSIP**, *Acquisition of Common Sense facts for Inference and Planning*  
**Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche**  
project no: DG.RSTL.048.004  
funding: € 36.000

## Awarded as head of laboratory

- 2023-2025     **Braillet**, *A data-driven investigation into the cognitive demands of Braille reading*  
**PI: Marcello Ferro**  
**PRIN-PNRR - Italian Ministry of University and Research**  
cost: € 242.992  
funding: € 154.380
-  **TabLit**, *Assessing reading literacy and comprehension of early graders in Bulgaria and Italy*  
**CNR–Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Italy–Bulgaria Bilateral Project**  
funding: € 6.000
- 2016-2017     **The Universal Ocean**, *a semi-automated system for the morphological, syntactic and semantic classification of Arabic trilateral verbs*  
**CNR–CNRST, Italy–Morocco Bilateral Project**  
funding: € 8.000
- 2010-2011     **ParadigMo**, *Structure, Acquisition and representation of morphological paradigms*  
**CNR–CNRS, Italy–France Bilateral Project**  
funding: € 8.000
- 2010-2012     *Metodologie per lo studio dei processi cognitivi e neuro-psicofisiologici dell'interazione linguistica multimodale*  
**Scientific Cooperation Agreement ILC-IFC**  
funding: € 60.086
- 2010-2011     *Anticipatory Mechanisms for multimodal language interaction*  
**Scientific Cooperation Agreement ILC-IFC**  
cost: € 71.192  
funding: € 38.600
-  **Vodafone project**  
funding: € 55.000

## Research Grants (continued)

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### Awarded as national coordinator

- 2001-2003     **Nite, Natural Interactivity Tools Engineering**  
**European Commission, 5th Framework Programme**  
project no: IST-26095  
funding: € 1.275.003
- 1998-1999     **Mate, Multilevel Annotation Tools Engineering**  
**European Commission, 4th Framework Programme**  
project no.: TELEMATICS-LE4-8370  
funding: € 950.421
- 1995-1997     **Sparkle Shallow Parsing and Knowledge Extraction for Language Engineering**  
**European Commission, 4th Framework Programme**  
project no.: TELEMATICS-LE1-2111  
funding: € 650.000
- 1993-1995     **Onomastica Multi-Language Pronunciation Dictionary of Proper Names and Place Names**  
**European Commission, 3rd Framework Programme, Specific programme of research and technological development (EEC) in the field of telematic systems in areas of general interest - Linguistic research and engineering**  
funding: € 2.722.754

## Scientific Roles

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### Member of Academic Society

- 2021-     *Academia Europaea* (Linguistic Studies)  
 *Associazione Italiana di Linguistica Applicata*
- 2014-     *Associazione Italiana di Linguistica Computazionale*
- 2005-     *Società Italiana di Glottologia*

### Visiting scholar

- 2008     Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (US)
- 1998     Visiting Research Fellow, École Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications, Paris, (France)

### Conference Chairing

- December 16-22, 2023     **Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing** (IEEE-CIST'23), Agadir Morocco
- June 5-12, 2021     **Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing** (IEEE-CIST'20), Agadir Morocco
- October 21-24, 2018     **Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing** (IEEE-CIST'18), Marrakech Morocco

## Scientific Roles (continued)

- October 24-26, 2016     **Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing** (IEEE-CIST'16), Tangier Morocco
- October 20-22, 2014     **Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing** (IEEE-CIST'14), Tetouan Morocco
- March 30 - April 1, 2015     **NetWordS 2015** - Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa Italy

### Area Conference Chairing

- December 8-13, 2020     **Morphology and Word Segmentation** - *Coling 2020* - Barcelona, Spain
- December 11-13, 2017     **Cognitive Modeling of Language Processing and Psycholinguistics** - *4th Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics (CLiC-it 2017)* - Rome, Italy
- December 5-6, 2016     **Cognitive Modeling of Language Processing and Psycholinguistics** - *3rd Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics (CLiC-it 2016)* - Napoli, Italy
- December 9-11, 2014     **Cognitive Modeling of Language Processing and Psycholinguistics** - *1st Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics (CLiC-it 2014)* - Pisa, Italy

### Summer School Chairing

- August 4-9, 2014     **European Science Foundation NetWordS Summer School** - Trondheim, Norway
- July 2-6, 2011     **European Science Foundation NetWordS Summer School** - Dubrovnik, Croatia

### Workshop Chairing

- February 7, 2020     **Implications of psychocomputational modelling for morphological theory** (with Claudia Marzi and Marcello Ferro) - *19th International Morphology Meeting 2020* - Vienna, Austria
- October 21-22, 2014     Special Session on **Arabic Natural Language Processing: Models, Systems and Applications** (with Arsalane Zarghili) - *IEEE CIST'14* - Tetouan, Morocco
- September 19-20, 2013     3rd NetWordS Workshop on **Variation and Adaptation in Lexical Processing and Acquisition** (with Claudia Marzi and Ida Raffaelli) - *NetWordS* - Dubrovnik, Croatia
- December 3-4, 2012     2nd NetWordS Workshop on **Perspectives on Synergy** (with Hélène Giraud, Claudia Marzi, Basilio Calderone, Fabio Montermini) - *NetWordS* - Toulouse, France
- November 23-24, 2011     1st NetWordS Workshop on **Understanding the Architecture of the Mental Lexicon: Integration of Existing Approaches** (with Claudia Marzi, Marcello Ferro, Claudia Caudai) - *NetWordS* - Pisa, Italy

## Scientific Roles (continued)

- October 11-14, 2009     European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop on **Words in action: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Understanding Word Processing and Storage** - CNR Research Area, Pisa Italy
- December 15, 2003     Workshop on **Computational models of cognitive functions** - XI Congress of the Italian Society of Psychophysiology, Pisa Italy
- June 5-6, 2003         International Workshop on **Natural Interactivity Annotation Practices and Tools** (with Claudia Soria) - CNR Research Area, Pisa Italy
- May 27, 2002          International Workshop on **Linguistic Knowledge Acquisition and Representation : Bootstrapping Annotated Data** (with Simonetta Montemagni, Alessandro Lenci) - *LREC 2002* Las Palmas, Spain
- August 13-17, 2001    International Workshop on **Semantic Knowledge Acquisition and Categorisation** (with Simonetta Montemagni, Alessandro Lenci) - *European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESLLI XIII)* Helsinki, Finland

## Scientific Board - PhD programs

- 2022-                  *Artificial Intelligence* - Area Health & Life Sciences - Bio-medical Campus University, Rome
- 2004-2013           *Theoretical and Applied Linguistics* - Universities of Pavia and Bergamo

## Scientific Board - Research/Academic Institutions

- 2008-                  *Centre for Advanced education and research "Lingue d'Europa: Tipologia, Storia e Sociolinguistica"* (LETISS), Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori (IUSS), Pavia
- 2009-2021           *CNR Institute for Computational Linguistics*, Pisa

## Scientific Board - Journals and book series

- 2023-                  *Frontiers in Communication* (Frontiers, Switzerland)
- 2017-                  *Journal of King Saud University - Computer and Information Sciences* (Elsevier, The Netherlands)
- 2015-                  *Italian Journal of Computational Linguistics* (Academia, Italy)
- 2015-2021           *Italian Journal of Linguistics* (Pacini, Italy)
- 2009-                  *Computing Reviews*
- 2009-2011           *Lingue e Linguaggio* (il Mulino, Italy)
- 2000-2003           *Linguistica Computazionale* (Istituti Editoriali e Poligrafici Internazionali, Italy)
- 2003-                  *Materiali Linguistici* (Franco Angeli, Italy)
-  *Linguistica e Glottodidattica Sperimentale* (Pavia University Press, Italy)

## Scientific Roles (continued)

### Scientific Board - Conferences and Workshops

- 2000-  Serving as a member of the Scientific Board for over **25** national/international conferences and **45** national/international workshops

### Research/Academic Assessment

- 2023  *Research Starting Grant Review* - European Research Council
- 2021  *Research Grant Review* - Bando FARE, Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca
- 2020-2021  *Procedura Selettiva per Dirigente di ricerca I livello: Bando 315,53 DR* - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Roma
- 2020  *Habilitation à diriger des Recherches* - Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3, France
-  *Research Excellence Prize* - Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, Belgium
- 2020-  *Research Grant Review* - bandi PRIN, Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca
- 2020  *Research Grant Review* - French National Research Agency, France
- 2019  *Professorship Application Assessment* - Department of English, George Mason University Virginia (USA)
- 2017  *Research Grant Review* - University of Udine
- 2016  *Research Grant Review* - Autonomous Province of Bozen
- 2015  *Habilitation à diriger des Recherches* - CNRS & Université de Toulouse, France
- 2014  *Research Grant Review* - University of Pavia
- 2013  *Distinguished Professor Grant*, Swedish Research Council, Sweden
-  *Professorship Application Assessment*, University of Trondheim, Norway
- 2013-  *Italian National Agency for University and Research Assessment (ANVUR)*
- 2009  *Habilitation à diriger des Recherches* - CNRS & Université de Toulouse, France
- 2004-2014  *Research Grant Review* - European Science Foundation

### Teaching

- 2018-  *Computational Psycholinguistics* - MA, Digital Humanities (Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Informatica Umanistica) University of Pisa
- 2006-2007  *Lexical Semantics* - MA, Department of Modern Languages and Literary Studies, University of Bologna
- 2002-2009  *Computational Linguistics* - BA, Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Pavia, Italy
- 1989-1991  *General Linguistics* - BA, Department of Modern Languages, University of Salford UK

## Scientific Roles (continued)

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### Research Supervision

- 2021-2024     Alessandro Lento - PhD, Bio-medical Campus University, Rome Italy
- 2014-2018     Ouafae Nahli - PhD, Università La Sapienza, Rome Italy
- 2016-2017     Stavros Bompolas - MA in Linguistics, University of Patras, Patras Greece
  
- 2011-2015     Eleonora Sausa - PhD, University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- 2011-2014     Claudia Marzi - PhD, University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- 2007-2010     Francesca Frontini - PhD, University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- 2006-2009     Maddalena Menchi - PhD, University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- 2005-2008     Fabiana Rosi - PhD, University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
-  Basilio Calderone - PhD, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa Italy
- 2005-2007     Ivan Herreros DEA, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona Spain

### Reviewing

- 1998-     Reviewer for over 25 International Journals, including *Cognitive Psychology*, *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, *Computer Speech and Language*, *Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science*, *Journal of Language, Logic and Information*, *Language Resources and Evaluation*, *The Mental Lexicon*, *Neural Networks*, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, *Italian Journal of Linguistics*, *ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage*, *Morphology*, *Lingue e Linguaggio*, *Computing Reviews*, *Journal of King Saud University - Computer and Information Sciences*, *Italian Journal of Computational Linguistics*.

## Editorial Roles

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### Editor

- 2021-     Co-editor in chief of *The Mental Lexicon* (John Benjamins, The Netherlands)
- 2011-     Co-editor in chief of *Lingue e Linguaggio* (il Mulino, Italy)

### Guest editor

- 2023     *Morphology*
- 2022     *Frontiers in Psychology*
-  *International Journal of Information Science and Technology*
-  *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*
- 2019     *International Journal of Information Science and Technology*
- 2017     *Journal of King Saud University - Computer and Information Sciences*
- 2016     *Italian Journal of Linguistics*
-  *Lingue e Linguaggio*

## Editorial Roles (continued)

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- 2014     *Suvremena Lingvistica*
- 2012     *Lingue e Linguaggio*
- 2010     *Lingue e Linguaggio*
- 2007     *Lingue e Linguaggio*

## Keynotes

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- November 10, 2023     *Is the finger-voice span an indicator of reading proficiency?* - 14th AWLL International workshop on writing systems and literacy, Temple University, Rome Italy
- May 13, 2023     *Reading with the index finger: what a tablet can tell us about early graders' reading skills* - 1st International Conference on E-learning and smart engineering systems, Higher Normal School, Tetouan Morocco
- December 12, 2020     *Emerging words in a vanishing lexicon: prospects of interdisciplinary convergence* - 6th Workshop on Cognitive Aspects of the Lexicon 2020 (CogALex VI), Barcelona Spain
- September 26, 2019     *Cross-disciplinary Issues in Inflectional Morphology* - 2nd International Symposium of Morphology (ISM0 2019), Université Paris-Diderot, Paris France
- October 24, 2018     *From Labs to Life: Language Technology and Early Grade Readers* - IEEE-CIST'18, Marrakech Morocco
- May 5, 2016     *Co-activation and competition effects in lexical storage and processing* - 4th Patras Conference of Graduate Students in Linguistics, Patras Greece
- October 25, 2016     *Machine learning and neuro-linguistic issues in language processing* - IEEE-CIST'16, Tangier Morocco
- July 11, 2015     *For a biologically-motivated model of the morphological lexicon* - 1st Quantitative Morphology Meeting, Belgrade Serbia
- October 21, 2014     *Psycho-computational modelling of lexical access and organisation: what can we learn from Arabic?* - International Conference IEEE-CIST'14, Tetouan Morocco
- September 20, 2012     *At the core of lexical processing: computational and neurocognitive issues* - FASSBL 8, Dubrovnik Croatia
- September 28, 2007     *MMM: Morphology, Memory and the Mental Lexicon* - 6th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting, Ithaca Greece
- December 4, 2005     *On the cognitive autonomy of morphological processing* - 4èmes Décembrettes, Toulouse France

## Invited talks & seminars

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- December 6, 2023     *Assessing reading literacy with the finger-voice span* - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia Bulgaria
- January 23, 2023     *Using a tablet touchscreen as a tool for reading data analysis. Finger tracking as an indicator of reading development* - Seminario Internacional Lengua, Cultura y Cognición (video)

## Invited talks & seminars (continued)

- May 27, 2019     *Computer modelling of reading efficiency* - International Workshop on “Functional Literacy for All”, Sofia Bulgaria
- May 28, 2018     *NLP-based assessment of reading efficiency in early grade children* - CLIB’18: *Computational Linguistics in Bulgaria*, Sofia Bulgaria
- November 17, 2017     *Implications of Discriminative Learning for Arabic Morphology* - International Workshop on Arabic Linguistics and Digital Humanities, Università Roma 3, Rome Italy
- June 23, 2017     *Storage vs. Processing in Models of Word Inflection. A Neuro-computational Hebbian Perspective* - MoProc 2017, SISSA Trieste Italy
- July 7, 2016     *From memory processes to lexical self-organisation: a biologically-motivated integrative view of the morphological lexicon* - Trieste Encounters on Cognitive Science and Language Learning SISSA, Trieste Italy
- December 14, 2015     *Frequenza, struttura e processi morfologici nel lessico mentale: una prospettiva neo-concessionista* - “Presente e futuro di un corpus dell’italiano” Accademia della Crusca, Villa di Castello, Florence Italy
- July 2, 2015     *Interdisciplinarity in language sciences: an integrative perspective* - Summer School of Scientific Communication, Split Croatia
- August 4-9, 2014     *Neurolinguistic issues in lexical access and organisation* - 2nd NetWordS Summer School, Norwegian Graduate Researcher School in Linguistics and Philology, Trondheim Norway
- May 29, 2014     *Lexical processing and morphological representations: the role of memory in the mental lexicon* - Department of Philosophy, University Roma 3, Rome Italy
- May 8, 2014     *Modèles psycho-computationnels du lexique mentale* - Workshop on “Traitement Automatique de la Langue Arabe”, Fez Morocco
- May 6, 2014     *Language and Memory: processes and representations in the mental lexicon* - Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
- April 9, 2014     *Lexical Processing and Word Structure* - Department of Linguistics Zagreb University, Zagreb Croatia
- April 8, 2014     *Language and Memory: an integrative view on the morphological lexicon* - Zagreb Linguistic Circle, Zagreb Croatia
- December 18, 2013     *“Curare” il linguaggio. Per una fisiologia della comunicazione verbale* - “ICT e eHealth” CNR Pisa, Pisa Italy
- May 21, 2013     *(Bio)computational implications of construction morphology* - Seminar on Construction Morphology, Department of Modern Languages University of Bologna, Bologna Italy
- April 3, 2013     *Artificial neural networks: methods, limits and perspectives for lexical acquisition and processing* - Department of Linguistics University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- July 26, 2012     *Learning paradigms in time and space* - “CNR Highlights 2010-11” Sala Marconi CNR Rome, Rome Italy

## Invited talks & seminars (continued)

- July 2-6, 2012     *Psycho-computational Models of Lexical Storage and Access* - 1st NetWords Summer School, Centre for Advanced Academic Studies, Dubrovnik Croatia
- April 2-3, 2012     *Approcci psico-computazionali allo studio della struttura morfologica* - Department of Linguistics University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- February 11, 2012     *Hebbian Self-Organizing Memories for Lexical Recoding and Processing* - Workshop on Exo-lexical variables in monolingual and bilingual morphological processing, International Morphology Meeting (IMM15), Vienna Austria
- January 14, 2012     *Computational Complexity in Neurally-inspired Morphology processing* - "Morphological Complexity" British Academy, London UK
- November 26, 2011     *Word Alignment and Morphology Induction* - 1st NetWords Workshop CNR Pisa, Pisa Italy
- October 7, 2010     *Computational Issues in Paradigm Learning* - "Morphology meets Computational Linguistics" University of Bologna, Bologna Italy
- January 20, 2010     *The Tower of Babel and the Evolution of languages* - Area Aperta CNR Research Area, Pisa Italy
- July 27-31, 2009     *Psycho-computational issues in Morphology learning and processing* - European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLI XXI), Bordeaux, France
- June 12, 2009     *Comprendere un documento con il computer* - Conference "Documentazione, terminologia e Scienze delle Informazione", CNR Rome Italy
- December 15-16, 2008     *Italian NN compounds. Psycholinguistic aspects and distributional evidence* - Department of Linguistics University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- November 13-14, 2008     *Morphological theories and word learning models* - Université de Toulouse Le Mirail, France
- November 27-28, 2008     *The Micro-dynamics of Paradigm Learning: Experimental and Computational Evidence* First Oxford Workshop on Romance Verb Morphology, Trinity College, Oxford UK
- June 20, 2008     *Paradigm Economy and Memory Self-Organization* - Université de Toulouse Le Mirail, France
- June 13, 2008     *Current issues in morphology learning: theoretical implications* - University of Patras, Patras Greece
- June 12, 2008     *Paradigms in Inflection and Compounding* - University of Patras, Patras Greece
- May 5, 2008     *The paradigmatic dimension of the Italian verb inflection* - University of Siena, Siena Italy
- April 10, 2008     *Two routes or one? A reappraisal of the psycho-computational debate on morphology learning* - Department of Cognitive Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
- April 8, 2008     *AXOMs: Asynchronous Cascaded Self-organizing Maps for Language Learning* - Centre for Language and Speech Processing, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

## Invited talks & seminars (continued)

- November 4, 2007     *Lexical storage and online processing in inflectional morphology* "Formal and Semantic Constraints in Morphology University of Konstanz, Germany
- November 3, 2007     *Morphology learning and Machine Language Learning: a case of double-dissociation?* - "Algomorph Workshop" University of Konstanz, Germany
- May 30-31, 2007     *Lexical storage and online processing in inflectional morphology* University of Naples Federico II, Naples Italy
- March 3-5, 2008     *Morphology in action: word processing, storage and acquisition* - Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia Italy
- April 4-5, 2007     *Paradigms in morphology: What are they? How do they work? Where are they?* University of Padua, Phd Programme in Linguistic, Philological and Literary Studies, Padua Italy
- June 14, 2006     *On the cognitive autonomy of morphological processing* - Department of Communication Sciences, University of Salerno
- May 19-20, 2006     *Probing the space of grammatical variation: induction of cross-lingual grammatical constraints from Treebanks* - "Language resources and language research: typology, second language acquisition, English Linguistics" Department of Linguistics University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- March 23, 2006     *Paradigms and OT: the phonology-morphology interaction in the Italian verb inflection* - Department of Foreign Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Bologna, Bologna Italy
- February 14, 2005     *Computational Issues in Morphology Learning* - Department of Foreign Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Bologna, Bologna Italy
- June 18, 2004     *Mappe di Kohonen e apprendimento morfologico* - Department of Interdisciplinary Studies on Translation, Language and Cultures, University of Bologna, Forli Italy
- May 6-7, 2004     *The paradigmatic structure of the Italian conjugation* - Department of Linguistics University of Pavia, Pavia Italy
- April 5-6, 2004     *Future perspectives in Machine Translation* - Department of Languages, Literatures and Anglo-Germanic Cultural Traditions, University of Bari, Bari Italy
- September 16, 2003     *Is machine language learning yet another machine learning task?* - Congresso AI\*IA 2003, Pisa Italy
- May 13, 2003     *Annotazione Stand-off annotation: motivations, principles and applications* - Linguistics Department, University of Pavia Italy
- November 27, 2002     *Machine language learning meets information technology* - Convegno "Linguistics and the new professions", Pavia-Lugano
- June 25, 2002     *Modelli computazionali per l'apprendimento e il cambiamento linguistico dell'Italiano e dei suoi dialetti* - Conferenza TIPI "Tecnologie informatiche nella promozione della lingua italiana", Ministero delle Comunicazioni Rome, Italy

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May 5, 2000	■ <i>Per un superamento della dicotomia lessico-grammatica. Aspetti di composizionalità 'debole' nel linguaggio</i> - Convegno "La lessicografia bilingue tra presente e avvenire", Vercelli Italia
September 19-23, 2000	■ <i>Acquisition of language models and entropy</i> - Escuela Interlatina de altos estudios en lingüística aplicada, S. Millán de la Cogolla Spain
June 6, 1998	■ <i>Issues in Computational Morphology</i> - Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris France
May 19, 1998	■ <i>Méthodes a base d'analogie pour le Traitement Automatique des Langues</i> - LIMSI CNRS, Paris France
December 12, 1997	■ <i>Analogy-based NLP</i> International Round Table on "Algorithms for Memory-Based Language Processing", Corsendonk Turnhout Belgium
August 19-23, 1996	■ <i>Analogy-based Learning of Natural Language</i> - European Summer School on Language, Logic, and Information, Prague Czech Republic
June 21-24, 1996	■ <i>Processing by Analogy: Recursion and Other Parsing Issues in Analogy-based NLP</i> - International Conference "The Description of the World Languages", Pezenas France
March 3, 1996	■ <i>Productivity through attestedness: a fine grained view</i> - Workshop "The Data of Linguistics: from Corpora to Intuitions and Back Again", Salford UK
September 3-9, 1995	■ <i>Analogy-based learning as a model of linguistic knowledge acquisition from textual corpora</i> - Escuela Interlatina de altos estudios en lingüística aplicada S. Millán de la Cogolla, Spain
December 2-3, 1994	■ <i>Generalization by Analogy in Language</i> - Workshop on "Machine Learning and Natural Language and Speech", Amsterdam the Netherlands
March 11-12, 1994	■ <i>Morphological Paradigms in Italian</i> - Conference on Computers and Romance Languages, UMIST Manchester UK

## Other Skills

Mother tongue	■ <i>Italian</i>
Foreign Languages	■ <i>English</i> : strong reading (C2), writing (C2) and speaking (C2) skills <i>French</i> : good reading (C1), writing (B2) and speaking (B2) skills
Coding	■ C/C++, R, Matlab, $\LaTeX$ , HTML, most Microsoft Office and Google applications.

## Research Publications

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