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Education

- 1) 1998 M.D., University of Bologna. M.D. Dissertation: "The relationship between the thermoregulatory balance in major orthopedic surgery and the incidence of hypoxia after surgery"
- 2) 2002 Ph.D. in Neurophysiology, University of Bologna. Ph.D. Dissertation: "Phenomenology of Sleep Homeostasis".
- 3) 2002-2003. General medical officer in the Italian Army

Positions

- 4) 2003-2005. Postdoc fellow in Shaun Morrison's Lab at the Oregon Health and Science University (OSHU), Portland (OR), USA
- 5) 2006 2020. Assistant Professor of Physiology at the Department of Biomedical and NeuroMotor Sciences, University of Bologna.
- 6) 2014 present. Member of the Topical Team Hibernation of the European Space Agency (ESA)
- 7) 2015 present. Associated to the National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN)
- 8) 2016 present Board Member at the Italian Society for Neuroethics
- 9) 2020 present Affiliated to the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT)
- 10) 2020 present Associate Professor of Physiology at the Department of Biomedical and NeuroMotor Sciences, University of Bologna.
- 11) 2020 present State qualification for the Full professorship of physiology
- 12) 2020 present Member of the Road Map table for Integrated Physiology at the Italian Space Agency (ASI)

Research Summary

- 1) Unravelling the neural regulation of torpor. Torpor and hibernation are hypometabolic states characterized by an active inhibition of energy expenditure initiated and coordinated by the brain. The neural substrates of such regulation are currently unknown as well as the molecular signals that activate suche substrates. We have currently identified part of the brain circuit controlling the entering into torpor and will soon begin to study the molecular signal activating such circuit. The experiments are conducted in laboratory mice because of their facultative heterothermy and the genetic toolbox that they can provide. This project is conducted within a larger research project of the topical team hibernation of ESA:
- 2) **Brain adaptations during hibernation and synthetic torpor**. The brain during hibernation shows some very peculiar adaptations that are also observed in synthetic torpor. For instance, neural connectivity is reduced and pathological markers expressed. All these changes are reversed upon arousal. We are currently working on analyzing the EEG of these states and plan to use cortex-to-cortex evoked potential to provide a description of cortical connectivity during torpor. Since synapses were shown to retract during torpor, cortical connectivity should progressively reduce during torpor, possibly providing a model to test the Information Integration Theory.
- 3) Investigating the mechanism that enhances radiation resistance in hibernators. Hibernators were shown to be much more resilient to radiation damage. The mechanism of such resistance and whether protection is provided versus photons or also versus protons and heavy ions (the main components of cosmic rays and used in cancer radiation treatment as well) are the aims of these projects. This project is in collaboration with TIFPA (Trento Institute for Fundamentals Physics Applications) and it's funded by both the italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics and the Minister of Research.

Research funding

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HYPE (Hypothermia-induced radioptrotection in the retina) Supporting Institution: Italian Space Agency (ASI) Year: to be decided: experiment will be on board of the ISS

Amount € 400.000.

Role: PI.

Radioprotezione indotta dall'ipotermia Supporting Institution: Carisbo foundation

Year:2021-202 Amount € 10.000.

Role: PI.

HYPORAD (Hypothermia for Radioprotection)

Supporting Institution: Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN)

Year: 2020 - 2022 Amount € 40.000. Role: Project Member. Hibernation and Torpor

Supporting Institution: European Space Agency (ESA)

Year: 2019 - 2021

Amount €450.000. To my research unit 150.000

Role: Work package leader.

Hibernation for Space Travel (HASTE)

Supporting Institution: Italian Minister of Research-progetto premiale

Year: 2017-2020 (3 years)

Amount: Total project: \in 1.800.000. To my research unit \in 100.000

My role: Work Package leader

HIBRAD (Hibernation-induced Radioresistance

Supporting Institution: Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN)

Year: 2017 - 201+ Amount € 40.000. Role: Project Member.

Induction of a suspended animation state by inhibition of neurons of the central nervous pathway for

thermoregulatory cold defense in pig.

Supporting Institution: Italian Minister of Health

Year: 2014-2017 (3 years)

Amount: *Total project:* € 151.881

My role: Co-PI

Role of the Hypothalamus and the Brainstem in Autonomic and Cardiovascular regulation

Supporting Institution: University of Bologna

Year: 2012 (1 year) Amount: € 22.947

My role: PI

The role of hypothalamic neurogenesis in the development of obesity, sleep disturbances and cardiovascular

co-morbidity

Supporting Institution: Fondazione Carisbo

Year: 2011 – 2012 (2 years)

Amount: Total project: € 57000; To my research unit: € 28500

My role: Project Member

Characterization of autonomic function during REM sleep induced by pharmacological manipulation of brainstem

neurons.

Supporting Institution: University of Bologna

Year: 2010-2011 (2 years) Amount: € 45.894

My role: PI

Effects induced by physical exercise and socializing activity on depression in the elderly: a multicentric, controlled,

randomized study.

Supporting Institution: Regione Emilia-Romagna

Year: 2010–2011 (2 years)

Amount: *Total project:* € 430.000; *To my research unit:* €25000

My role:Project Member

Role of hypocretinergic system in thermoregulatory cardiovascular control during wake and sleep

Supporting Institution: MIUR (Ministero dell'Istruzione, Università e Ricerca (Italian Ministry for

Education, University and Research)) (PRIN 2008FY7K9S_002)

Year: 2009 – 2010 (2 years)

Amount: *Total project:* € 55714; To my research unit: € 27857

My role: Project Member

Searching for early specific markers of obesity-related cardiovascular diseases.

Supporting Institution: Fondazione Carisbo

Year: 2008–2009 (2 years)

Amount: Total project: € 50400; To my research unit: € 25200

My role: Project Member

A study of the relationship between the autonomic, metabolic and endocrine regulation and the sleep phenotype in

the diet-induced obesity.

Supporting Institution: University of Bologna

Year: 2007–2008 (2 years)

Amount : Total project: € 75000; To my research unit: € 37500

My role: Project Member

Obesity and brown adipose tissue sympathetic nerve activity in sleep

Supporting Institution: ESRS/Sanofi-Aventis

Year: 2007 – 2008 (2 years)

Amount: € 11.000

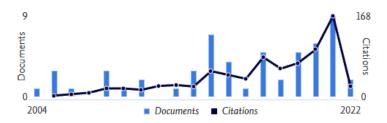
My role: PI

Publications

Generality

papers: 56 citation: 765 H-index: 16

Document & citation trends



Accepted for publication

 Ambler M, Hitrec T, Wilson A, Cerri M, Pickering A Neurons in the dorsomedial hypothalamus promote, prolong, and deepen torpor in the mouse J.Neurosci 2022 <u>IF</u> 6.167

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b) Book chapters

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Invited talk (2016 - 2019)

- University of Groningen Invited by Prof. Peter Meerlo
- Konrad Lorenz Institute Vienna Invited by Thomas Ruf
- NASA Ames Research Center Mountain View (CA) Invited by dr. Yuri Griko
- AFSOR (US Air Force Office of Scientific Research) Dayton(OH)- Invited by dr. Sofi Bin-Salamon
- University of Hamburg Invited by Prof.Annika Hervig
- University of Bristol Invited by l Prof. Tony Pickering
- University of Madison Invited by a Prof. Hannah Carey
- University of Madison -Invited by Prof. Giulio Tononi
- GSI Darmstadt -Invited by Prof. Marco Durante
- Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Pisa Invited by a prof. Debora Angeloni
- Università di Trento Invited by l Prof. Giorgio Vallortigara
- Università di Verona Invited by Prof. Giuseppe Faggian
- INFN sez. di Bologna -Invited by Prof. Antonio Zoccoli
- Università di Siena Invited by Prof. Simone Rossi
- Istituto Superiore di Sanità Roma -Invited by Prof. Giovanni Alleva
- NICO Torino Invited by Prof. Alessandro Vercelli

Scientific societies membership

- the American Physiological Society (APS)
- the International Hibernation Society (HIS)
- the Italian Society of Physiology (SIF)
- the Italian Society for Neuroethics (SINe),

International Grant revision for

- The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (Canada)
- The Poland Science Minister of Science (Poland)

Member of the scientific board of

- Temperature Journal
- Journal of Translational and Clinical Research
- Frontiers in Physiology
- Frontiers in Neuroscience.

Award

2006 Sanofi - Aventis Young Investigator Award for the European Sleep Research Society