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### **Curriculum vitae et studiorum**

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### **DISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC AREA: 05/D1 (previously BIO/09) - Physiology**

**CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT:** Senior Assistant Professor of Physiology - Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna)

Group leader of the **Laboratory of Cellular and Environmental Physiology** - Dept. of Biological, Geological, and Environmental Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.

### **EDUCATION**

**2017-** National scientific qualification, disciplinary scientific sector 05/F1 - Applied Biology

**2001-** present day: Senior Assistant Professor of Physiology, Dept. of Biological, Geological, and Environmental Sciences - Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna

**2000-2005** Qualified for the role of Associate Professor, scientific sector E04A (General Physiology), The Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR).

**1991-2001:** Technician (category D4), Institute of Comparative Anatomy, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.

**1987-1991:** PhD at Biology and Physiology of the Cell School, Institute of Comparative Anatomy, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna

**1987:** Qualification to practice the profession of biologist

**1986:** Master's degree in Biological Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

<b><u>First cycle degree programme (L) in Biological sciences</u></b>	
Laboratory on Prevention Procedures and Safety	2004 - 2010
Physiology of Systems	2010 - 2014
Physiopathology Laboratory	2010 - 2014
Human Physiology and Basics of Physiopathology	2015 -
<b><u>Second cycle degree programme (LS) in Biological and Health Sciences</u></b>	
Safety in Biomedical Laboratories and Quality Certification	2004 - 2008
Environmental Physiology	2005 - 2009
<b><u>Second cycle degree programme (LS) in Health Biology</u></b>	
Environmental Physiology	2008 - 2017
Quality systems in the laboratory and management of experimental protocols	2017 - 2018
<b><u>Second cycle degree programme (LM) in Health Professions of Prevention Sciences</u></b>	
Environmental Physiology	2015 -
<b><u>Second cycle degree programme (LM) in Teaching and Communication of Natural Sciences</u></b>	
Laboratory of Didactics of The Biology	2021 -
<b><u>Second Level Master "Biologist for the Evaluation and Management of Risk and Quality in Living and Working environments"</u></b>	2013 - 2016
Head	

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2020 -2021 examiner at the National Biologists' exam, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.
- 2020 - departmental contact person for students with disabilities and specific learning disorders
- 2017 - member of Agro-food CIRI (Interdepartmental Centre for Industrial Research), Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.
- 2017 - member of Health CIRI (Interdepartmental Centre for Industrial Research), Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.
- 2016 – member of the Board of Tutors of The Collegio Superiore, the school of Excellence of Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.

- 2015 - member of Trainees Board of bachelor's degree course in Biological Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.
- 2015-18: member of the Board of Access Requirements of master's degree course in Biology of Health, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.
- 2014 – member of the Integrated Research Teams: Alma Food IRT (Integrated research in the agro-food sector of the University of Bologna) and Alma Gender IRT (Multidisciplinary research group of the University of Bologna dealing with gender studies and issues).
- 2013-2016: Head of the Second Level Master "Biologist for the Evaluation and Management of Risk and Quality in Living and Working environments", Dept. of Biological, Geological, and Environmental Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.
- 2009 – member of the University Consortium "National Institute of Biostructures and Biosystems (INBB)", Rome, ITALY.
- 2001 – Supervisor of a significant number of first and second level degree dissertations.
- 2001 – Supervisor of 2 Ph.D. dissertations.

#### **OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

- **Member** of the Canadian NGO "Getting to Know Cancer" [<http://www.gettingtoknowcancer.org/>].
- Co-organizer of the **Halifax Project**, a Canadian research project that took place between 2012 and 2015. It was coordinated by the Canadian NGO **Getting to Know Cancer** [<http://www.gettingtoknowcancer.org/>], a Canadian NGO that led 350 cancer scientists in 31 countries as they tackled two significant challenges in cancer research.
- **Member** of the Physiological Society (<https://www.physoc.org/> )
- **Member** of the Cell Biology and Differentiation Association (ABCD) (<https://abcd-it.org/>)
- **Scientific reviewer** for the following journals: Cancer Letters, Febs Journal, International Journal of Molecular Sciences, Cells.
- **Guest Editor**: "Cells" (MDPI)  
Special Issue "Relationship Between Inflammation and Aryl hydrocarbon Receptor Pathway". First Edition.  
Special Issue "Relationship Between Inflammation and Aryl hydrocarbon Receptor Pathway". Second Edition.
- **Editorial Board Member**:  
"Cells" (MDPI)

#### **MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Key words:** Cell signaling; Inflammation; Aryl hydrocarbon Receptor; Endocrine Interference; Network Biology; Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs); One Health.

I have expertise in cell physiology, cell signalling pathways and networks.

## Research focus:

- cellular and molecular events sustaining and modulating the inflammatory phenotype.
- environmental aetiology of inflammation, with particular regard to endocrine interference and Aryl hydrocarbon Receptor pathway
- Network biology
- NSAIDs modulating effects of cell proliferation, with a particular attention on cyclooxygenase /lipoxygenase inhibition and membrane-related events.
- One Health

## RESEARCH GRANTS and AWARDS

- Partner in the finalized research project (2002) "Study of the biological effects of endocrine disruptors chemicals (EDCs) on the endocrine systems and reproductive health" - Subproject: Effect of endocrine disruptors on estrogens action in brain stem or progenitor cells recruitment", funded by the Ministry of Health and the 'Institute for Prevention and Safety at Work - ISPESL
- Partner in the co-financed research project: "Signal transduction in hypothalamic and hippocampal neurons: cellular prionic protein effects in Kinases ERK1/2 and Fyn recruitment in memory consolidation". Programmi di Ricerca Scientifica di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) 2004. (2004054387\_005)
- Co-principal investigator in the co-financed project: "Mammospheres as an in vitro model in the study of breast cancer stem cells. Evaluation of their possible employment in prognosis, diagnosis and therapy". Programmi di Ricerca Scientifica di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) 2008. (2008KTRN38\_002)
- The Journal of Pathology Jeremy Jass Prize for Research Excellence in Pathology - Award presented at the Pathological Society Winter Meeting Imperial College, London, UK, 7-8th January 2010. The paper: "The basal-like breast carcinoma phenotype is regulated by SLUG gene expression" was included in "top papers" list of Journal of Pathology (2008).
- "Prevent Cancer Now" Cancer Prevention Award - 2015, (Halifax Group, 04-21-2015).
- Coordinator and Head of Scientific Research funded RFO 2008-2022.

## PATENTS (From Scopus Data Base)

- **Document:** Anellated pyrrole compounds for cancer management | [Annelierte Pyrrol-Verbindungen zur Behandlung von Krebs]

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#### **PAST AND PRESENT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS:**

- Merckle GmbH (Germany). Now: TEVA DE.
- Center for Applied Biomedical Research (CRBA) S. Orsola-Malpighi Hospital, Bologna (Pasquale Chieco, Simona Tavolari)
- Universitat Tubingen, Pharmaceutical/Medicinal Chemistry Dept., Germany (Stefan Laufer, Full Professor)
- Department of Experimental, Diagnostic and Specialty Medicine - DIMES, Experimental Pathology Unit, University of Bologna (Prof. Massimiliano Bonafè)
- Department of Experimental, Diagnostic and Specialty Medicine DIMES, Pathological Anatomy Unit, University of Bologna (Dr. Claudio Ceccarelli)
- Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences - DIMEC, General Surgery Unit, University of Bologna (Prof. Mario Taffurelli)
- University of Perugia, Dept. of Surgical Sciences and Biomedicine Dept. (Prof. Nicola Avenia)
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- Department of Experimental, Diagnostic and Specialty Medicine – DIMES, Applied Biology Unit, University of Bologna (Prof.ssa Marina Marini, Dott.ssa Provvidenza Maria Abruzzo)
- ONG “Getting to Know cancer”, task force "Assessing the Carcinogenic Potential of Low Dose Exposures to Chemical Mixtures in the Environment", group “Tumor promoting inflammation”.
- CNR – Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Istituto per le Applicazioni del Calcolo "Mauro Picone" – Roma, Italy. (Dott.ssa Christine Nardini)

#### **BIBLIOMETRIC PARAMETERS (July, 2022)**

- Scopus: n° of citations = 1908; H index = 17
- Google Scholar: n° of citations = 2611; H index= 20; i10 index = 31

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2. Guarnieri, T. Hypothesis: Emerging roles for Aryl hydrocarbon Receptor in orchestrating CoV-2-related inflammation. *Cells*, (2022) 11 (4): 648. doi: 10.3390/cells11040648.
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