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Foreign languages English and German, fluent spoken and written;
French at school

Education and certifications

1976 **Liceo Classico "G. Carducci"** Cassino, score 59/60

1982 **La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy**
Medical Doctor Degree, score, 110/110 cum laude
Thesis: Post-traumatic Headache
Supervisor: Prof A Agnoli

1982 La Sapienza University, Rome
Medical Doctor Abilitation – **General Italian Medical Licence**

1986 **La Sapienza University, Rome**
Specialist in Neurology Degree 70/70 cum laude
Thesis: Evolution, social reintegration and neuropsychological evaluation of patients with severe traumatic brain injury
Supervisor: Prof A Agnoli

1984-1987 Foreign assistant and research fellow at the Neurological Clinic of the Innsbruck University (Austria), officially recognized by Italian Health Ministry (3/10/1994)

1988-1992 ITALIAN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH MINISTRY
La Sapienza University, Rome
Ph.D Degree in Neurobiology
Thesis: Neurochemistry and neuropharmacological therapy of cerebro-vascular and traumatic encephalopathy

Supervisor: Prof. A. Agnoli

Clinical and basic research

- 1978-79** **Student at the Psychology Institute,
La Sapienza University, Rome
Supervisor: Prof Lazzari**
- 1980-84** **La Sapienza University, Rome**
Department of Neurological Science, Parkinson and Headache Centres
Medical Student
(Director Prof A Agnoli)
- 1982-86** **La Sapienza University, Rome**
Neurology Student
(Director Prof A Agnoli)
- 1984-87** Neurological Clinic of Innsbruck University (Austria), officially recognized by
Italian Health Ministry (3/10/1994)
Research fellow
(Director Prof. F. Gerstenbrand)
- 1987-90** **La Sapienza University, Rome**
Department of Neurological Science, I Chair Department of Neurological Science,
Parkinson and Headache Centres
(Director Prof A Agnoli)
- 1988-92** ITALIAN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH MINISTRY
La Sapienza University, Rome
Ph.D Degree in Neurobiology
- 1990** Rehabilitation Hospital Santa Lucia and Research Institute as Senior staff member
- 1995-2009** Chief of Department of Rehabilitation Hospital and Research Institute Santa Lucia
Foundation, Rome

AWARDS AND AFFILIATION

- 1983** **Foreign scholarship, Ministry of Education**
- 1984** **Scholarship, Research Ministry, Vien, Austria**
- 1989** **Scholarship Farmitalia Carlo Erba Industry for young researchers**
- 1992** **European Stroke Conference Award for excellence in cerebrovascular diseases
research**

MEMBERSHIPS

NATIONAL

- 1989-2009** Italian Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (SIMFER). Ordinary Member
- 1990** Italian Society of Biofeedback (SIB). Ordinary Member
- 1990-2009** Italian Society of Hospital Neurologists, Neurosurgeons and Neuroradiologists (SNO). Ordinary Member
- 1992-2009** Family and Voluntary Association for comatose patients (A.R.CO.92). Founder Member
- 2000-2009** Italian Society of Neurology (SIN) – Ordinary Member
- 2006** SIN National coordinator of the Italian Group for Traumatic Brain Injury
- 2005-2009** Italian Society of Neurological Rehabilitation (SIRN) – Ordinary Member
Coordinator of University Group MULAM (Marche-Umbria-Lazio-Abruzzo-Molise)

INTERNATIONAL

- 2000-2009** European Brain Injury Society (EBRIS). Ordinary Member
- 2004-2009** National coordinator of QOLIBRI (Quality of Life of Brain Injury), International Study Group
- 2000-2009** European Federation of Neurological Society (EFNS). Ordinary Member
- 2007-2009** International Brain Injury Association (IBIA). Ordinary member

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Peer reviewer of national and international Journals in Neurology and Rehabilitation

Scientific commissions:

- World Health Organization (WHO) Revision of the International Classification of Functioning and Disabilities (ICIDH-2) Beta-2, Draft integral version, Ed. Erickson, Gennaio 2000.
- National Consensus Conference: acute rehabilitation treatment, transfer criteria to rehabilitation facilities and appropriate pathways of traumatic brain injury patients, Modena 2000, Italy.
- Expo 2000: The Rehabilitation of severe brain Injury patients - Projects around the world of Expo 2000, Hannover, Germany.

- Lazio Region, and Ministry of Health supported project, Experimental “Casa Dago” Project for supervised family, vocational and social reintegration of post-comatose patients, a transitional living environment - Rome 1999-2009.
- National Health Institute, Italian plan for Road Safety, DATIS Project (Law, XIII Legislation, January 31th, 2001, N. 849, 128-130).
- GISCAR, National prospective study for acquired severe brain injury patients in rehabilitation, 2002-2006.
- Network among Italian Research Institutes in Neurorehabilitation, 2002-2003.
- National Consensus Conference: rehabilitation and assistential needs of severe brain injury patients and their families after discharge from rehabilitation facilities, Verona 2005, Italy.
- Consultant for National Census of the Italian Rehabilitation facilities for a permanent web-site - Baroni Foundation, 2005-2006.
- National Consensus Conference on Intermittent urinary catheterism in post-acute patients, state of art, Piacenza 2006, Italy.
- Scientific coordinator of a project on Active Music Therapy in severe brain injury patients, supported by the Foundation Bank of Rome, 2005-2008.
- European Guidelines for Quality Management of Vegetative State/Apallic Syndrome patients, April 2007.
- Italian Health Ministry Commission on the study of Vegetative and Minimally Conscious States, 2005-2006; 2007-2009.
- National (Inter-regional) Project on Assistential Integrated pathway for acquired severe traumatic and non-traumatic brain injury patients in the acute and post-acute phase. Health Ministry – General Direction of Scientific Research, 2006-2009.
- National coordinator of the International project QOLIBRI (Quality of Life of Brain Injury), 2004-2009.

Teaching appointments:

- Neurotraumatology by National School for Teachers of Massage and Physical Therapy, 1990-1991.
- Integrative Course of Neurology in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Specialization, Tor Vergata University, 1990-1994.

- Formation course in Psychosomatic and Psychotherapy Medicine, Italian Society of Psychosomatic Medicine (SIMP), 1991.
- Audiology Specialization, L'Aquila University, 1991-1994.
- Speech Therapists, University Diploma, L'Aquila University, 1992.
- Specialization course in Neurological Rehabilitation, Pavia University, 1993.
- Physical therapists, nurses and neurophysiopathology technicians, University Diploma, Rome 1999-2002.
- Faculty of the Master in Headache Medicine, "Post-Traumatic Headache", 2nd School of Medicine, Sapienza University, Rome 2005-2009.
- Specialization in Neurology, Rehabilitation courses Tor Vergata University, Rome, 1997-2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Author and co-author of 97 peer reviewed articles and of 400 publications on national and international journals and books, including Congress Proceedings, oral presentations, invited lectures, editorials, abstracts, posters and book chapters (in Italian and English language), in the field of clinical neurology, neurotraumatology, neurorehabilitation, neuropsychology, neuroimaging and neurophysiology.