

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

1982-1988 Biological Sciences Laurea (Doctoral Degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), with a thesis entitled: "Produzione e caratterizzazione di anticorpi monoclonali anti tossina colerica e tossina tetanica" (score 109/110), supervisor Professor Giuliana Zanetti at University of Milan, Milan, ITALY.

1989-1992 Advanced School of Applied Biotechnology Diploma (Specialist in Applied Biotechnology) with a final score of 50/50, supervisor Professor Bianca M. Ranzi at University of Milan, Milan, ITALY (equivalent to Master in Biotechnology).

1993-1997 Doctor of Philosophy with a thesis entitled "Dianthin 30, a ribosome inactivating protein from *Dianthus caryophyllus*", supervisor Professor J. Michael Lord at University of Warwick, Coventry, UK.

Honors and Awards:

- 1982-1988 Science Fellowship from I.C.I. Pharmaceutical, Milan, ITALY.
- 1988-1989 Neuro-Immunology Fellowship from 'Ospedale Maggiore di Milano', Milan, ITALY.
- 1989-1991 Visiting Fellow at Warwick University, Coventry, UK
- 1991-1996 Researcher and Senior Scientist at ITALFARMACO, SpA Research Center, Cinisello Balsamo, (Milan), ITALY.
- 1996-1999 Research Associate at National Institute for Medical Research, Medical Research Council, London, UK
- 1999-2000 Visiting Assistant Researcher at the Department of Neurology/Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Professor Stanley B. Prusiner, University of California at San Francisco, USA.
- 2004 Awarded 1st Place Best Poster Prize at the First International Conference of the European Network of Excellence NeuroPrion, PRION2004, May 24th-28th, Institute Pasteur, Paris, France. "De novo Generation of Mammalian Prions"
- 2008 Awarded Best Poster Prize at the Fifth International Conference of the European Network of Excellence NeuroPrion, PRION2008, October 8th-10th, 2008, Auditorium Hotel, Madrid, Spain. "Developmental role of the prion protein in the nervous system"
- 2011 Awarded Best Poster Prize at the Eighth International Conference on Prion Diseases and Related Disorders, New World, PRION2011, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 16th-19th. "Brain delivery of AAV9 expressing anti-PrP molecules delay prion disease onset in mice"
- 2012 Awarded *Premio Città Impresa ai 1.000 fabbricatori di idee del Nordest*, May 2nd, Fiera Vicenza, Vicenza, Italy
- 2012 Awarded Best Poster Prize at the Nineth International Conference on Prion Diseases and Related Disorders, PRION2012, May 9th-12th, 2012 Amsterdam, The Netherlands. "Nanobody stabilize the crystal structure of full-length human PrP"

Professional Activities:

- 2002 Scientific Advisory Member for the NIH-Sponsored Reagent Repository Workshop on Prions
- 2002 Scientific Member of the 2002 National Prion Research Program Review Panel, Department of Defense, United States Army Medical Research

- and Material Command, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
- 2003 Member of the Board for evaluation of PhD candidates, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
- 2003-present NIH Grant Reviewer, Manuscript Reviewer for several International Journals (including Science, Nature, Cell, Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences of the USA, Journal of Molecular Biology, Journal of Immunology, Journal of Clinical Investigation, Journal of Neurochemistry, Chemistry & Biology, FASEB Journal, FEBS Journal, Journal of Virology, Journal of General Virology, NeuroReports), EU Grant Reviewer, Italian Agency for Prion Research Reviewer, Polish Medical Research Council Reviewer
- 2007 Member and President of the Board for evaluation of PhD candidates, Università di Padova
- 2008 Scientific Advisory Board Member for EU projects, Scientific Organizer of the International Workshop on 'Human and Animal TSE', June 26-28, 2008, Grado, Italy
- 2008-2010 Faculty at 'Concorsi per l'ammissione al primo anno dei Corsi Ordinari di primo livello della Scuola Superiore di Catania - a.a. 2008-2009 – 2009-2010 – 2010-2011. Classe delle Scienze Sperimentali.'
- 2008-2009 EU Grant Reviewer for Network of Excellence Neuroprion
- 2009 Member and President of the Board for evaluation of PhD candidates, Università di Trieste
- 2009-present Reviewer for Public Library of Science One (PLoS One), Public Library of Science Biology (PLoS Biology) and Public Library of Science Pathogens (PLoS Pathogens)
- 2011-present Guest Editor of Public Library of Science Computational Biology.
- 2011 *Ad hoc* reviewer for Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research for Programmi di Ricerca Scientifica di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN)
- 2011 Expert Scientific Evaluator, Skolkovo Foundation, Moscow, Russia
<http://www.sk.ru/en/>
- 2011 Scientific Organizer of the 1st FVG Summer school on Molecular Biomedicine, Date: July 26-29, 2011, Università di Trieste, Trieste, Italy.
- 2012 Scientific Organizer of the 2nd FVG Summer school on Molecular Biomedicine, Date: July 9-13, 2012, Università di Udine, Udine, Italy.
- 2012 *Ad hoc* reviewer for the Polish National Science Centre.

- 2014 Academic Editor of Public Library of Science ONE (PLoS ONE).
- 2014 Organizer and Chair of the International Conference PRION2014: Epigenetics and Neurodegenerative Diseases – *Shaping the future of prion research*. Trieste May 27-30, 2014 (<http://prion2014.org/>).

Career History

- 1982-1985 Research Assistant working on circadian rhythm of melatonin in man at the laboratory of the Chair of Chemotherapy, Professor F.Fraschini, at the "Istituto di Farmacologia e Chemioterapia Medica", University of Milan, ITALY.
- 1985-1988 Doctoral experimental thesis on production and characterization of monoclonal antibodies to bacterial toxins at the laboratory of Immunology, Dr. Y.M.Galante, RECORDATI S.p.A., Milan, ITALY.
- 1988-1989 One-year Fellowship on neurological diseases with an auto immune basis, laboratory of Neuroimmunology, Professor E.Nobile-Orazio, at the "Istituto di Clinica Neurologica", University of Milan, ITALY.
- 1989-1991 Visiting Fellow at the laboratory of Plant Biochemistry, Professor J.M.Lord, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, to study some aspects of the molecular biology of N-glycosidase enzymes.
- 1991-1994 Researcher at ITALFARMACO S.p.A. Research Center, Cinisello Balsamo (Milan), ITALY.
- 1994-1996 Senior Scientist at the ITALFARMACO S.p.A. Research Center, Cinisello Balsamo (Milan), ITALY.
- 1996-1999 Research Associate at the Dept. of Molecular Immunology at National Institute for Medical Research (N.I.M.R.), Medical Research Council, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, UK
- 1999-2000 Visiting Assistant Researcher at the Department of Neurology/Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Professor Stanley B. Prusiner, University of California at San Francisco, USA.
- 2000-2004 Assistant Adjunct Professor at the Department of Neurology/Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Professor Stanley B. Prusiner, University of California at San Francisco, USA.
- 2004-2006 Associate Adjunct Professor at the Department of Neurology/Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Professor Stanley B. Prusiner, University of California at San Francisco, USA.
- 2006-present Associate Professor at the Department of Neuroscience, SISSA, Trieste, Italy.

- 2011-present Coordinator of PhD Program in Functional and Structural Genomics
SISSA, Trieste, Italy.
- 2012-present Member-elect of Academic Senate, SISSA, Trieste, Italy.
- 2014-present Faculty of PhD Program in Molecular Biology, SISSA, Trieste, Italy.

Teaching Experience:

- 1982-1987 Part-time teaching Biology and Mathematics courses at Secondary
Schools in Italy.
- 1987-1989 Teaching Biology courses at Independent Psychology School in Milan,
Italy.
- 1989-1991 Taught students, visiting scientist, and new coworkers at Plant
Biochemistry Laboratory, Warwick University, purification techniques
(conventional and HPLC). Advised on protein sample purification,
antibody purification and related techniques.
- 1991-1996 Taught research assistants and new coworkers molecular biology
techniques in the Immuno-Oncology laboratory of Italfarmaco Research
Center.
Supervised British under-graduate students towards experimental thesis
on molecular biology and biochemistry projects.
Supervised post-graduate student in developing transgenic models of
inflammation.
- 1996-1999 Advisor to postdoctoral fellows and Ph.D. students in several
biochemistry and molecular biology projects at the Division of Molecular
Immunology at MRC, London, UK
- 1999-2006 Manage research activities carried out by Technical Staff, advisor to
postdoctoral scholars in biochemical approaches to identify novel proteins
interacting with different form of prion protein.
- 2006-present Advisor to PhD students in Neurobiology, Physics And Chemistry Of
Biological Systems and in Structural and Functional Genomics at SISSA.
- 2006-present Teaching Courses on Neurobiology of Disease, Neurodegenerative
Diseases, Physiology of Cellular Communication and Signal Transduction
for PhD Programs in Functional and Structural Genomics and in
Neurobiology at SISSA.
- 2006-2010 Advisor to PhD students in Neurosciences at the Università di Milano-
Bicocca.
- 2007 Teaching Course on "Neuropathology of TSEs in man and animals" within
the Master of "Diagnostic Applications of Biotechnology" Consorzio

Universitario Internazionale - Facoltà di Medicina Veterinaria, Università di Udine.

2008/2012 Teaching Course on Neurodegenerative Diseases at University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

2014 Advisor to PhD students in Molecular Biology at SISSA.

Invited presentations:

June 19, 1992 3rd International Symposium on Immunotoxins. Sheraton World Resort, Orlando, Florida, USA. "In vitro expression, processing and activity of pre-dianthin 30 and dianthin 30"

July 9, 1993 22nd FEBS Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden. "Molecular and structural studies on dianthin 30"

June 15, 1993 6th European Congress on Biotechnology. Firenze, Italy. "Expression and activity of pre-dianthin 30 and dianthin 30"

May 13, 1999 Infection and Immunity Series, National Institute for Medical Research, MRC, London, UK. "Thymopoiesis in Ick inducible mice"

October 14, 2002 Lecture at Chiron Corporation, Emeryville, California, USA. "Prion and doppel proteins bind to granule neurons of the cerebellum"

November 27, 2002 Lecture at Istituto Scientifico San Raffaele, DIBIT, Segrate, Milan, Italy. "Ligands in the brain binding prion and doppel proteins"

November 28, 2002 Istituto di Biologia e Biotecnologia Agraria del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Palazzo L.I.T.A., Segrate, Milan, Italy. "Cooperative binding of prion protein to kringle domains"

May 30, 2003 Centro de Estudios Avanzados, University of Santiago, Santiago, Spain. Frontiers in Prion Research. "In vivo efficacy of quinacrine in mice model of prion disease"

November 25, 2003 Invited lecture at the Environmental Toxicology Department, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA. "Prion Protein: Function, Toxicity And Therapy"

February 12, 2004 Department of Physiology & Biophysics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, NY, USA. "Prion Protein: Function, Toxicity And Therapy"

April 28, 2004 Annual Meeting of the Biological Safety Affairs Forum, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, USA. "Recent Advances in Prion Research and Safety Management"

May 28, 2004 First International Conference of the European Network of Excellence

- NeuroPrion, Institute Pasteur, Paris, France. “*De novo* Generation of Mammalian Prions”
(Oral presentation for 1st Place Best Poster Award)
- October 4, 2004 Institute of Child Health Series Lectures, University College of London, UK. “Synthetic Mammalian Prions”
- October 21, 2004 Special Lecture at the Department of Chemical Science, University of Catania, Italy. “Synthetic Mammalian Prions”
- January 21, 2005 Invited Speaker at the Annual SOTAB 2005 (State of the Art in Biology), Masters Hall of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on the University of Georgia Athens Campus, January 21-22, 2005, Athens, Georgia, USA. “Prion Protein: Infectivity, Function and Therapy”
- February 14, 2005 Invited Speaker at the Cambridge Healthtech Institute’s 9th Annual Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies, February 14-15, 2005, McLean, Virginia, USA. “*De novo* Generation of Mammalian Prions”
- April 7, 2005 Invited Speaker at the 2nd International Symposium on the New Prion Biology: Basic Science, Diagnosis and Therapy. Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, April 7-9, 2005, Venice, Italy. “*De novo* Generation of Mammalian Prions”
- October 26, 2005 Special Lecture at University of Turin, Dept. of Neuroscience, Turin, Italy. “Synthetic Mammalian Prions”
- November 27-30, 2005 Invitation to attend and present at “Prion Biology: Puzzles and Paradoxes,” Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, USA. “Synthetic mouse prion transmission studies in mice”
- December 19, 2005 Special Lecture at the Neuroscience Department, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche “Mario Negri”, Milan, Italy. “Synthetic Mammalian Prions”
- December 20, 2005 Invited Lecture at CNR Conference on the interaction between prions and soil. Rome, Italy
- April 28, 2006 Invited Lecture at ELETTRA - Sincrotrone Trieste S.C.p.A. di interesse nazionale - AREA Science Park – Trieste, ITALY
- July 16, 2006 Invited Speaker at ‘The 10th International Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders’, July 15-20, 2006, Madrid, Spain. “Transmission studies of mouse synthetic prions”
- September 11, 2006 Invited Speaker at the XVIth INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEUROPATHOLOGY. September 10-15, 2006, San Francisco, CA, USA. “Synthetic Mouse Prions”.
- September 13, 2006 Invited Speaker at the 2006 Sterling Hendricks Memorial Lectureship Award presented to Stanley B. Prusiner at the AGFD Symposium. 232nd American Chemical Society National Meeting. September 10-14, 2006,

- San Francisco, CA, USA. "Mouse Synthetic Prions"
- October 4, 2006 Invited Speaker at PRION2006. October 4-6, 2006, Turin, Italy. "Less stable prions replicate more rapidly in mice"
- December 15, 2006 Invited Lecture at ICGEB, Padriciano - AREA Science Park – Trieste, ITALY. "Prion Biology and Disease"
- December 21, 2006 Invited Lecture at NMR Center - National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, SLOVENIA. "Structural Insight of Infectious Prions"
- January 31, 2007 SISSA- Neurobiology Sector's seminars. Basovizza, Trieste. "Biosafety in prion diseases"
- March 19, 2007 Invited Lecture at the MIR@W – Winter Term 2006/2007, Prions: Properties, Propagation and Pathology, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, United Kingdom. "*In vitro* and *in vivo* mechanism of prion replication"
- May 23, 2007 Workshop on "L'emergenza Mucca Pazza - Status e proposte di ricerca a tutela del comparto agroambientale" Villa Chiozza – Scodovacca (UD). "Mucche pazze, Prioni e Alimentazione"
- September 14-15, 2007 Invited host at Workshop on IPRs and Transfer of Knowledge: from Research Institutions to the Market. University of Trieste, Italy.
- October 4, 2007 Invited Speaker at Consortium of Biomolecular Medicine Retreat, Piancavallo (PN). "Mucche pazze, Prioni e Alimentazione: Necessita' di nuovi interventi diagnostici"
- November 12, 2007 Invited Speaker at Consortium of Biomolecular Medicine Workshop on Intrinsic Structural Disordered Proteins: Functional and Pathological Implications, Trieste, Italy. "Unstructured proteins in neurodegenerative disorders"
- November 20, 2007 Invited Speaker at the conference on "Protezione e valorizzazione della proprietà intellettuale: fatti e miti, opportunità e pericoli", Aula Magna della S.I.S.S.A. - Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati, Via Beirut 2-4 – Trieste. "Gestione della proprietà intellettuale nel biotech in America e in Italia: due realtà a confronto"
- December 10, 2007 Invited Lecture at the Facoltà di Medicina Veterinaria, Università di Udine, Udine, Italy. "Of Mad Cows and Mad Men: Is the TSE Epidemic Over?"
- February 28, 2008 Invited Lecture at the National Institute for Medical Research, MRC, London, UK. "Prion biology and disease: novel paradigms in protein sciences"
- March 4, 2008 Invited Lecture at the exhibition on "I segreti del corpo" (*I fogli di Windsor di Leonardo da Vinci e il lungo viaggio alla scoperta del nostro corpo*). Centro Trevi and the Università di Bolzano, Bolzano, Italy.

- “Invecchiamento e cervello”. La conferenza riproposta mercoledì 5 alle ore 10.45 presso l’aula magna del liceo scientifico “E.Torricelli” di Bolzano. <http://www.leonardoeilcorpo.it>
- March 12, 2008 Invited Lecture at the conference “La prevenzione nei Laboratori di Ricerca” organized by ICGEB (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology), Trieste, Aula Magna della Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia, Ospedale di Cattinara, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Trieste, Italy. “La ricerca sui prioni : problematiche di sicurezza in laboratorio”
- March 13, 2008 Invited Lecture at the workshop on “Basi molecolari delle patologie neurologiche: possibili implicazioni diagnostiche e terapeutiche”, Meetings Clinico-Scientifici, Scuola di Specializzazione in Neurologia, Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Trieste, Italy.
- March 19, 2008 Invited Lecture at Special Event Journal FEST organized within FEST: <http://www.aliasfvj.it/tagnewsdett.php?nzid=1243&tag=gionalismo&tag=fiere&tag=trieste&>
- April 17, 2008 Invited Lecture on “Mechanism of prion protein aggregation leading to infectious prions”, Kolloquien, Department of Virology and Immunology, Deutsches Primatenzentrum, Göttingen, Germany.
- May 15, 2008 Invited Lecture on “Prion Biology: a new paradigm in Protein Science”, at the Dipartimento di Biochimica, Dipartimento di Biologia Evoluzionistica Sperimentale, Scuola di Dottorato in Scienze Biologiche, Biomediche e Biotecnologiche, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy
- June 9, 2008 Invited Lecture on “Structural requirements for mammalian prion replication”, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of California - Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, USA.
- June 25, 2008 Invited Speaker on “*In vitro* prion replication and amplification” at Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies, 25-26 June 2008, Corinthia Towers Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic.
- June 28, 2008 Invited Speaker on “*In vitro* and *in vivo* generation of synthetic mammalian prions” at the International Workshop on ‘Human and Animal TSE’, June 26-28, 2008, Grado, Italy.
- August 29, 2008 Invited Speaker at 3° Corso Estivo di Orientamento - Scuola Superiore di Catania - Università degli Studi di Catania Summer School in Catania 25-30 agosto 2008, Catania, Italy.
- September 18, 2008 Invited Speaker at the workshop on “Aspetti Molecolari delle Malattie Neurodegenerative” organized by the ‘Accademia delle Scienze dell’Istituto di Bologna’, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
- October 8-10, 2008 Fifth International Conference of the European Network of Excellence

- NeuroPrion, PRION2008, October 8th-10th, 2008, Auditorium Hotel, Madrid, Spain. “Developmental role of the prion protein in the nervous system”
(Oral presentation for 1st Place Best Poster Award)
- October 13-14, 2008 Invited Speakear at “Modern Trends in Nanobiology and Nanomedicine” Workshop, October 13th-14th, 2008, ELETTRA Seminar Room, Area Science Park-Basovizza-Trieste.
- November 5, 2008 Invited Lecture “Structural insights into infectivity and stability of synthetic prions”, MRC Prion Unit Department of Neurodegenerative Diseases, Institute of Neurology, University College London, London, UK.
- November 26, 2008 Invited Speaker on “Solving the prion puzzle with synchrotron radiation” at ELETTRA/Sincrotrone Trieste XVI Users’ Meeting, November 24-26, 2008, I.C.T.P. – Adriatico Guest House, Kasteler Hall, Trieste.
- November 27, 2008 Invited Speaker at the ‘XII^o Convegno degli Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali sulle encefalopatie spongiformi animali’, November 27-28, 2008, Sala Conferenze Istituto Zooprofiattico Sperimentale del Piemonte, Liguria e Valle d’Aosta, Torino, Italy.
‘Meccanismo molecolare di replicazione dei prioni: una prospettiva strutturale’
- February 10, 2009 Invited Speaker at the Magnetic Moments Pre-Conference: Kick-Off Meeting: East-NMR EU-FP Project Conference venue: Otocec/Slovenia, February 10-11, 2009.
- April 2-4, 2009 Invited Speaker at the 3rd International Symposium On The New Prion Biology: Basic Science, Diagnosis And Therapy. Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, April 2-4, 2009, Venice, Italy. “New Insights into Prion Structure: Exploring New Methods for the Generation of Prions”
- April 28, 2009 Invited Lecture at Institut fur Physikalische Biologie - Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet Duesseldorf, April 28, 2009, Duesseldorf, Germany.
“Prion Protein aggregation and infectivity: a structural perspective”
- May 7, 2009 SISSA COLLOQUIUM May 7th, SISSA, Trieste Italy. “Aging, Neurodegeneration And The New Biology Of Prions”
- May 29, 2009 Invited Lecture at the VIB Department of Molecular and Developmental Genetics KULeuven - Center for Human Genetics, Leuven, Belgium.
“Prion biology and disease”
- June 26, 2009 Oral communication at the INFORMA - Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies 2009 conference, June 25-26, 2009, Cologne, Germany. “Investigation of selectively oriented prions confined by atomic force microscopy”
- July 23, 2009 Invited communication at the 3rd International Chronic Wasting Disease Symposium, July 22-24, 2009, Park City, Utah, USA. “Evidence for Soil

Humic Substances Interaction with Prions”

- September 4, 2009 Oral communication at the MC2009, International Microscopy Conference, August 30 – September 4, 2009, Graz, Austria. “Modulation of alpha-synuclein aggregation by dopamine analogs”
- October 6, 2009 Invited communication at the Summer School on Dopaminergic Neurons. Leonardo Da Vinci Building, The Abdus Salam International Centre For Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy. “Modulation of alpha-synuclein aggregation by dopamine analogs”
- December 18, 2009 Invited Lecture at the University of Milan – Bicocca. Milan, Italy. “Prion Biology and Disease”
- May 4, 2010 Invited Lecture at the The German Research School for Simulation Sciences (jointly RWTH Aachen University and Forschungszentrum Jülich). German Research School for Simulation Sciences Jülich, Germany. “Prion Biology and Disease”
- June 10, 2010 Invited communication at the INFORMA - Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies 2010 conference, June 10-11, 2010, Cologne, Germany. “*In vitro* assay of prion infectivity: Potential applications in the manufacture of biologicals”
- September 9, 2010 Keynote Lecture at the National Congress of the Italian Chemical Society, Biological Systems Division, San Vito di Cadore, 9-11 September 2010. “Prion Biology and Disease”
- October 11, 2010 Invited Speaker at the Conference on Molecular Aspects of Cell Biology: A Perspective from Computational Physics, The International Centre for Theoretical Physics, 11-15 October 2010, Trieste. “Prion Biology and Disease”
- November 25, 2010 Invited speaker at the “1st National Prion Congress of Spain” hosted by CIC Biogune. 25-26 November, 2010, Bilbao, Spain. “Structural determinants of genetic prion diseases”
- December 22, 2010 Invited speaker at the “Round Table 2, Italy-Russia@Dubna, Space Physics and Biology. 19-23 December, 2010, Dubna, Russia. “Neurodegenerative diseases”
- January 24, 2011 Invited Lecture at the University of Science- Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. “Molecular Biology of Prions”
- March 18, 2011 Invited speaker at the Neurodegenerative and Phychiatric Diseases: New Frontiers in Neuroimmunology. Bergamo 16-19 Marzo 2011, Italy “Immunity and Prions”
- April 30, 2011 Invited speaker at The NEURI 2011 – 1ST STUDENTSKI KONGRES NEUROZNANOSTI, 1st Student Neuroscience Congress of the School of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Croatia.

- “Prion Biology and Disease”
- July 8, 2011 Invited speaker at the Workshop on Structural Bioinformatics and Computational Biophysics. SISSA, July 7-8, 2012.
“Common structural traits across pathogenic mutants of the human prion protein”
- October 14, 2011 Invited speaker at the Conference on Nanotechnology for Biological and Biomedical Applications (Nano-Bio-Med) - (10-14 October 2011) the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) of UNESCO and the IAEA, 34151 Trieste, Italy.
“Structural Traits Of The Prion Protein Via Precise Interfacial Nanostructure Measurements”
- November 10, 2011 Invited Lecture at Seminari di Scienze Pre-Cliniche, Istituto Neurologico Carlo Besta, Sala Riunioni – Sede Di Via Amadeo, 42, Milan, Italy.
“Structural Studies on Prion Proteins and Prions”
- December 14, 2011 Invited presentation at the XIX World Congress on Parkinson’s Disease and Related Disorders. Shanghai, China, December 11th – 14th, 2011.
“Human α -synuclein fibrils induce α -synuclein aggregation *in vitro* and behavioral alteration *in vivo* upon inoculation in wild-type mice”
- January 11, 2012 Invited speaker at the 4th International Conference on the Development of Biomedical Engineering in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 8th – 12th, 2012. Computational Medicine Conference.
“Synthetic infectious prions”
- April 5, 2012 Invited Lecture at NMR Center - National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, SLOVENIA. “Sailing unexplored compartments: the tale of anchorless prions”
- April 11, 2012 Invited Lecture at Institute of Computational Science, Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI) - Lugano Campus, Lugano, SWITZERLAND.
“Structural determinants of infectious prions”
- April 20, 2012 Speaker and Chair at the XIV Congress of the Italian Society of Neuroscience – 1st Joint Meeting with the Israel Society of Neuroscience, Catania, Italy, April 19th - 22nd, 2012. Workshop on *Prions as a model for neurodegenerative conditions*. “Synthetic Prions, Anchorless Prion and Structural Determinants of Prion Conversion”
- May 19, 2012 Speaker at BIT’s 3rd Annual World Conference of Neurotalk-2012 – Open the Black Box of Nervous System. May 18th – 20th, Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, China. “Synthetic Prions, Anchorless Prion and Structural Determinants of Prion Conversion”
- May 22, 2012 Scientific Organizer and Speaker at the International Workshop on Essential Metals in Brain Development and Neurodegeneration. May 21st – 22nd, SISSA, Trieste, Italy. “Prion Protein, Prions and Copper”

- October 3, 2012 Speaker at BrainTrain Workshop on Functional Genomics of Neurodegenerative Diseases - October 3rd, 2012. SISSA, Trieste, Italy.
- October 10, 2012 Invited Lecture at the Department of Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet. October 10, 2012 - Stockholm, Sweden. "Structural determinants of mammalian prion conversion".
- October 19, 2012 Invited Lecture at the CIC Biogune. October 19, 2010, Bilbao, Spain. "Structural determinants of genetic prion diseases"
- October 26, 2012 Invited Lecture at the Riken Brain Science Institute. October 26, 2012, Tokyo, Japan. "Structural determinants of mammalian prion conversion"
- December 6, 2012 Invited Lecture at INSERM, Montpellier, France. "Structural determinants of mammalian prion conversion"
- February 8, 2013 Invited Seminar at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA. "Structural determinants of prion conversion in the full-length prion protein"
- May 26-29, 2013 Speaker at PRION 2013, Banff, Canada. "Synthetic human alpha-synuclein prions"
- October 29, 2013 Invited Seminar at RIKEN Center for Life Science Technologies, Japan "Structural Determinants of Prion Infectivity"
- November 25, 2013 Invited Speaker at the STN Symposium "Examining the scientific basis of therapies for prion diseases", The Roslin Institute, Edinburgh, UK. "Molecular pharmacology of prion diseases".
- December 2-3, 2013 Invited Speaker at the 2nd Iberian Congress on Prions, Institute for Biotechnology and Bioengineering, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal. "Prion Structure and Biology"
- December 10, 2013 Seminar at the University of Udine, Italy (Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche e Biologiche) "Structural determinants of prion formation and replication"
- December 14, 2013 Invited Speaker at the University Medical Center, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. "Progresses in Neurodegenerative Diseases"
- June 14, 2014 Invited Speaker at the University of Science, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. "Neurodegenerative Diseases: novel mechanism of transmission"
- June 18, 2014 Invited speaker at the 5th International Conference on the Development of Biomedical Engineering in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, June 16th – 18th, 2012.
"Novel approaches to diagnosis and therapy in neurodegenerative diseases"

- July 7, 2014 Invited speaker at the 14th Human Frontiers Science Program Awardees Meeting – Lugano, Switzerland.
“Characterization of conformational transitions in prion proteins using single-molecule techniques”
- September 23, 2014 Invited Lecture at the Scuola Normale Superiore, Sala degli Stemmi, Palazzo della Carovana, Pisa, Italy.
“Prion and Prion-like disorders”
- November 6, 2014 Invited speaker at the EU-Russia Year of Science, A window of Physics, Biology and Technology conference – The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP). SISSA/ICTP co-organized conference. Trieste 4-6 November 2014, Italy
“The prion switch uncovered”
- November 21, 2014 Invited Lecture at the University of Milan – Bicocca. Milan, Italy.
“Synthetic Prion-like α -Synuclein Molecular Assemblies”

Memberships and Associations

- ACS American Chemical Society
- AAAS American Association for the Advancement of Science
- The Biochemical Society
- The Protein Society
- SIF Società Italiana di Fisiologia
- SINS Società Italiana di Neuroscienze

Most Significant Recent Publications (since 2003):

C.Ryou, S.B.Prusiner, **G.Legname** (2003) Cooperative binding of dominant-negative prion protein to kringle domains. *J. Mol. Biol.* 329(2), 323-333.

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