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Education:

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| 1989 | Università degli studi di Sassari, with honors. |
| 1991 | Postdoctoral Fellowship Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Temple University, Philadelphia. U.S.A. |
| 1993 | Specialization in Microbiology and Virology, Istituto di Microbiologia e Virologia, Università degli studi di Sassari. |

Academic Curriculum:

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| 1994 | Assistant Professor, Istituto di Microbiologia e Virologia, Università degli studi di Sassari. |
| 2001 | Associate Professor of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sassari, Italy |
| 2007 | Full Professor of Microbiology SSD MED/07, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sassari, Italy |

Academic Duties

2013-present. Director of the PhD School in Life Sciences and Biotechnologies, University of Sassari. <http://phdlsb.uniss.it>

2012-present. Member Albo degli Esperti per il Ministero dell'Istruzione, Università e Ricerca (MIUR) per il settore Ricerca Scientifica e Sviluppo (DECRETO 2 febbraio 2012. Costituzione dell'albo degli esperti di cui all'art. 7, comma 1, del decreto legislativo 27 luglio 1999, n. 297. (Decreto n. 30/Ric). (12A05157) (GU n. 105 del 7-5-2012)

2020-present. Rector's delegate for the Scientific Area of the University of Sassari, Italy

2018-2020 (up to 07/2021). Member of the National qualification Commission (ASN) for the evaluation of Microbiology Professorship for the Italian Universities (A3/06, SSD MED/07).

2012-2015. Member Gruppo Esperti Valutatori (GEV) 06 (Scienze Mediche) dell' Agenzia Nazionale Valutazione dell'Università e della Ricerca (ANVUR).

Awards

1° classified “ Scientific Productivity Award” Università di Sassari, anno 2007.



Other activities

2005. Founder of ISOGEM sas, start-up supported by Regione Autonoma della Sardegna, successivamente trasformata in ISOGEM srl. (<http://www.sardegnaicerche.it/index.php?xsl=370&s=94093&v=2&c=6026&nc=1&sc=&o=1>)

2006- Founder of International Society for Genomic and Evolutionary Microbiology (<http://www.isogem.org/about.html>).

Stages abroad

- Grant from the Sardinia Region to follow a biannual course within the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine, Temple University, Philadelphia. U.S.A.
- “Post-Doctoral Fellow” Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine, Temple University, Philadelphia. U.S.A dal Marzo 1991 sino a Giugno 1994.
- “Visiting Scientist” Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine, Temple University, Philadelphia. U.S.A da Gennaio a Marzo 1995.
- 1999 “Visiting Scientist” Centro de investigaciones del Ozono, Centro National de Investigaciones Cientificas. Ciudad de l’Habana, Cuba. Antibacterial activity of Ozone and Ozone derivatives.

- 2001 Visiting Scientist nel Dipartimento di Microbiologia delle Università di Tripoli e di Sabratha (Libya).
- 2005 visiting Scientist nel “Centre Muraz” di Bobo Dioulasso (BurkinaFaso) per allestire un laboratorio di ricerca per l’isolamento e la rilevazione di Micobatteri.
- 2006- present, Visiting scientist, University of Athens
- 2007, University of Hyderabad , India
- 2012, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016, Visiting Scientist, Veterinarian National Institute, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2015- present, Visiting Professor Teheran University Medical School, Iran

Member of Scientific Societies:

- Member American Society for Microbiology (ASM,USA)
- Member European Society for Mycobacteriology (ESM)
- Member Asia-African Society for Mycobacteriology (AASM)
- Member Società Italiana di Microbiologia (SIM, Italia)
- Presidente della International Society of Genomic and Evolutionary Microbiology (ISOGEM) <http://www.isogem.org> dal 2005
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Asian African Society of Mycobacteriology. <http://theaasm.org/?part=menu&inc=menu&id=41>

Editor or Reviewer:

- Chief Editor of “Gut Pathogens” BMC series <http://www.gutpathogens.com/>
- Editor of PloS ONE, <http://www.plosone.org/static/edboard.action/>

- Editor of “International Journal of Mycobacteriology”
http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaleditorialboard.cws_home/727141/editorialboard
- Section Editor of Pathogen Journal , for 'Immunological Responses and Immune Defense Mechanisms'.
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/pathogens/sectioneditors/Immunological_Responses
- Editor of *World Journal of Diabetes (WJD)*
<http://www.wjgnet.com/1948-9358/index.htm>.
- Editor of “Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Research” (print ISSN 2224-3992, online ISSN 2224-6509)
- Editor of “Annal of Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobials” dal 2002
- Editor of “The Open Veterinary Journal” dal 2007
- Editor of “International Health Sciences Journal” 2007
- Member of International advisory board of Turkish infectious diseases journal : FLORA (ISSN 1300-932X)
- Reviewer and grant evaluator for the “Medical Research Council”, United Kingdom nad Broad Medical Program, USA.
- Referee for research project evaluations of Italian Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (FISM) in 2011, 2012 Calls.
- Reviewer for the following journals: *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, *PloS One journal*, *CHEST*, *BMC Microbiology*, *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*, *Journal of Applied Microbiology*, *Inflammatory Bowell*

Disease Journal, Dig Live Diseas., Infection Genetics and Evolution, Chemotherapy, FEMS Microbiology letters, Letters in Applied Microbiology, International Journal of Experimental and Clinical Chemotherapy, Pharmacology Research, Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology, New Microbiologica, Journal Veterinarni Medicina, Future Microbiology Journal, Reviews in Infection, Archives of clinical microbiology.

- Membro del Board of Examiners, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India.

PI of International projects:

- PI of the project “Human Endogenous Retroviruses in neurological diseases (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson, Autism Spectrum Disease) and Type 1 Diabetes”

€823.000, Legge regionale 12 Regione autonoma della Sardegna 26 Novembre 2022.

- PI of the RTDA project within spoke Aerospace eINS PNRR project 2022-2025, University of Sassari total amount for the spoke: €2.600.000
- Epitopes4cov: identificazione di epitopi specifici di Coronavirus leganti ACE2 in sieri di pazienti con diverse malattie autoimmuni ed oncologiche. Sardegna Ricerche 2020-2021. € 60.0000.

- PI. IRKALS, role of HERV-K in Amyotrophic Lateral Disease. 2018. AriSLA foundation.
- P.I. italian unit, of the project "The role of alpha-synuclein as an antiviral peptide in Parkinson's disease" financed by Parkinson's UK, reference SMA-17B-00, (2017-2018) Principal Investigator Prof Jurgen Haas, University of Edinburgh.
- PI of unit 2 within the FP7 EU project: Sustaining research momentum over the coming decades: mentoring the next generation of researchers for tuberculosis, acronym "TB-SUSGENT" (cordinator prof K. Dedha, South Africa), 2008-2011. € 147.000.
- PI of unit 3 within the FP6 EU project: Multi-parametric detection of bio-molecules coniugated with nanoparticles in the Tuberculosis, acronym "Nanomyc" (coordinator John Ikonomopoulos), 2006-2008 number 036812. €300.000
- P.I. of unit 36 within the CA:VENoMYC (Coordinator Lucas Domingues, Spain) . FP6 N° SSPE-CT-2004-501903.€120.000
- P.I. of unit 4 of the project: Improvement of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Sarcoidosis and Crohn's Disease. Acronym: SACHRON (Coordinator John Ikonomanopolous, Greece) FPV 1998-2002. £ 220.000.000

- Patents
- European Patent n. 10012370.2-2404. Title: Mycobacterial protein detection (5/4/2011)
- Patente de invencao national n°105971 (2/5/2012), refa DMP/DGD/01/2012/346596, Instituto National de propriedade industrial (INPI)
- Books
- Coad Thomas Dow and Leonardo A. Sechi.
- Environmental Triggers of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus – Mycobacterium Avium Subspecies Paratuberculosis in Type 1 Diabetes - Pathogenesis, Genetics and Immunotherapy.
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