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EDUCATION

1990-1995
Degree in Biological Science
University of Catania, Italy,
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PhD in Neurobiology

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Participation in national and international conferences as a speaker:

- European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) Annual Meeting virtual meeting. 26-1 July 2021.
- European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) Annual Meeting Virtual meeting: 5-8 July 2020
- European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) Annual Meeting. Vienna 2019, 23-26 June 2019. Invited speaker "Impact of chromosomal mosaicism in IVF outcomes".
- Lesson for the teaching of human genetics (master's degree in genetics and molecular biology), at the Sapienza University of Rome. Title: Clinical applications of Next generation sequencing " Rome, May 14th 2019
- European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) Annual Meeting. "New evidence on mosaic developmental potential: two hundred mosaic embryos transferred prospectively in a single clinic " Vienna 2019, 23-26 June 2019. Selected oral presentation
- Seminar in Applied Human Genetics, Sapienza University Rome part of the PhD program in Genetics and Molecular Biology. Title: "Clinical application of next generation sequencing" Rome, 18- January 2018.
- Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society (PGDIS), Ginevre 15-18 April 2018
- 4° European Fertility Meeting: Strategies to improve IVF success rate Congresso Nazionale SIRU. Rome, 1-2 December, 2018
- SIRU Annual Congress "Costruiamo la medicina e la biologia della riproduzione umanizzata". Rome, 14-16 December 2017
- Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society (PGDIS), Valencia 26-29 March 2017
- Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society (PGDIS), Bologna 8-11 May 2016
- Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society (PGDIS), Chicago 9-13 May 2015
- American Society Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) Annual Meeting-Honolulu, Hawaii-18-22 October 2014
- 13th International Conference on Endothelin, Tokyo, Japan, 11 September 2013 (Keynote lecture)
- 12th International Conference on Endothelin, Cambridge, 11 September 2011
- Centro Ricerca Sperimentale; Istituto Regina Elena, Roma 3- Marzo 2009
- Seminario presso l'Istituto Dermatologico Italiano, Roma 10 Febbraio 2009
- Workshop SIICA, Angiogenesi: basi molecolari ed implicazioni terapeutiche II, Siena 21-23 Maggio 2008

- Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Cancerologia, Bergamo, 26-Novembre, 2007
- Centro Ricerca Sperimentale; Istituto Regina Elena Roma 14 Novembre 2007
- 10th International Conference on Endothelin, Bergamo, 25 Settembre 2007
- Pezcoller Foundation Symposium. Pordenone, 10 Settembre 2007
- 9th International Conference on Endothelin. Park City, Utah, 11 Settembre 2005
- Meeting “Meccanismi di trasduzione del segnale in adesione e differenziamento cellulare”, Roma 19 Marzo 2004

Membership

Chair of the PGT Consortium ESHRE

Patent “Metodo per la diagnosi in vitro di un cancro di testa e collo e relativo kit”. The national patent was filed in 2019 and the international one in 2021 (excluding the USA). Domanda di Brevetto per Invenzione No. 102020000017896 depositata in Italia il 23/07/2020

Prize and Grant

- Pezcoller Fundation, Pezcoller Fundation Symposium. Pordenone, September 10-15, 2007
- The Fourth International Conference on "Tumor microenvironment: progression, therapy and prevention" Florence, March 6-10, 2007
- Travel Award Ninth International Conference on Endothelin. Park City, Utah , September 11-14 , 2005
- **Funding for research projects**
- “Progetto Giovani Ricercatori 2000-MURST “
- Principal Investigator “My First Grant” finanziato dall’AIRC



2010/2012.

- “POR FESR Lazio 2014-2020 CONTRIBUTI PER IL SOSTEGNO DEI PROCESSI DI INTERNAZIONALIZZAZIONE DELLE PMI DEL LAZIO Lazio Innova “
- “POR FESR 2014-2020”



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- 5) Huang C.J., Spinella F., Nazarian R., Lee M.M., Dopp J.M. and de Vellis J. *Expression of Green Fluorescent Protein in Oligodendrocytes in a Time- and Level-Controllable Fashion with a Tetracycline-Regulated System.* **Mol Med** (1999) 2:129-137. **I.F.3.35**
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