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### **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### **Curriculum studiorum:**

- 1977 Degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology at the University of Torino
- 1978 Degree in Pharmacy

#### **Professional Curriculum**

1980 Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Torino  
1992 Associated Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Sassari,  
1994 Full Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Torino.  
1997-2003 Member of the National Medicinal Chemistry Committee.  
1998-2009 Director of the PhD course in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Doctorate School of Science and High Technology of the University of Torino.  
2001-2007 Director of the undergraduate course in Herbal Medicine Technology.  
2002-2011 Member of the Committee of the European School of Medicinal Chemistry (ESMEC).  
Since 2012 at present Director of the School of Hospital Pharmacy.

#### **Stages and Visiting Professor**

Queen Mary College in London (Prof. E. Randall); Zurich University (Professor W. Von Philipsborn);  
Borstel Research Institute (Prof. J.Seydel); N. D. Zelinsky Institute of Organic Chemistry Russian Academy of Sciences; School of Pharmacy at University of Lausanne (Prof. Bernard Testa); Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences University of Geneve (Prof. Pierre-Alain Carrupt).

#### **Recent Teaching experiences**

Professor of *Medicinal Chemistry* at the Department of Drug Science and Technology (UNITO)  
Professor of *Methods for Herbal Medicine Analysis* at Herbal Medicine Technology Course (UNITO)  
Professor of *Molecular Basis for Drug-Drug Interaction* at the School of Hospital Pharmacy (UNITO)

#### **Scientific activity**

The scientific activity, collected in more than 190 publications, is in the field of drug design and mainly concerns the development of novel furoxan, nitric ester, nitrosothiol, diazeniumdiolate as NO-donors and their biological and pharmacological characterization. The use of NO-donors in the design of polyvalent agents (multitarget agents) of interest in many therapeutic areas is one of the main aim of her research. More recently MDR anticancer agents have been focused.

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#### **Collaborations**

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**Recent publications**

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