



## Europass Curriculum Vitae

### Personal information

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### Work experience

Dates	1995 - present
Occupation or position held	<b>Professor of Molecular Biology</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Research and teaching activity
Name and address of employer	University of Napoli Federico II, Via Sergio Pansini, 5 – 80131 Napoli (Italia)
Type of business or sector	Teaching and Research
Dates	2013-2015
Occupation or position held	<b>Director of the Department of Molecular Medicine and Medical Biotechnology</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Director
Name and address of employer	University of Napoli Federico II
Type of business or sector	Research and Teaching
Dates	2007-2012
Occupation or position held	<b>Director of the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Biotechnology</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Director
Name and address of employer	University of Napoli Federico II
Type of business or sector	Research
Dates	1990 -1995
Occupation or position held	<b>Professor of Biochemistry</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Research and teaching activity
Name and address of employer	University of Napoli Federico II, Via Sergio Pansini, 5 – 80131 Napoli (Italia)
Type of business or sector	Teaching and Research

Dates 1993  
Occupation or position held **Visiting scientist**  
Main activities and responsibilities Researcher  
Name and address of employer National Cancer Institute - National Institutes of Health, 10 Center Drive  
Bethesda, United States  
Type of business or sector Research

Dates 1992 - present  
Occupation or position held **Head of Sector**  
Main activities and responsibilities Medicine Doctor (MD)  
Name and address of employer University Hospital Federico II  
Type of business or sector Laboratory Medicine

Dates 1987-1990  
Occupation or position held **Associate Professor of Cellular Biochemistry**  
Main activities and responsibilities Research and teaching activity  
Name and address of employer University of Napoli Federico II, Via Sergio Pansini, 5 – 80131 Napoli (Italia)  
Type of business or sector Teaching and Research

Dates 1980-1986  
Occupation or position held **Researcher**  
Main activities and responsibilities Research activity  
Name and address of employer Italian National Research Council, Via dei Barucci 20 - 50127 Firenze  
Type of business or sector Research

Dates 1976 - 1980  
Occupation or position held **Residency**  
Main activities and responsibilities Medicine training  
Name and address of employer Division of Oncology, Hospital A. Cardarelli, Via A. Cardarelli n°9, 80131 Napoli  
Type of business or sector Medicine

## Education and training

Dates 1976  
Title of qualification awarded Doctor of Medicine (MD)  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Napoli Federico II

## Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Specify mother tongue** Italian

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (\*)

**English**

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User

(\*) [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Social skills and competences

Responsibility, Solidarity, Honesty, Correctitude,

Computer skills and competences

Competent in Microsoft Windows and Apple Macintosh Operating Systems  
- Very good command of Microsoft Office tools (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint)  
- Good command of graphic design (Adobe Photoshop)

**Additional information**

Include here any other information that may be relevant, for example contact persons, references, etc.  
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**Main research grants**

1990-95 M.U.R.S.T. ex 40% "Struttura e regolazione dell'espressione di geni eucarioti"  
1991-95 C.N.R. Progetto Finalizzato Ingegneria Genetica "Regolazione tessuto-specifica di geni espressi nel cervello di ratto"  
1992-93 I.S.S. "Interazione tra il fattore trascrizionale Fe65 omologo alla integrasi di HIV ed il promotore di HIV"  
1995-96 A.I.R.C. "Induzione p21waf/cip1 attraverso un pathway p53-indipendente attivato dallo stress ossidativo"  
1997-99 Telethon "The Fe65 protein and the molecular basis of the familial Alzheimer's disease: characterization of its role in the beta-amyloid peptide generation and in the pathways involving the beta-amyloid precursor protein"  
1998-2001 C.N.R. Programma Biotecnologie (ex legge 5/95) "Studio dell'interferenza di molecole con effetto farmacologico nella trasduzione mediata dal precursore del peptide beta-amiloide dell'Alzheimer"  
1998 Regione Campania – P.O.P. "Modelli animali in vivo per lo studio di malattie di rilevanza sociale"  
2000-02 EC- V Framework Program QLK6-1999-02238 "The Fe65-APP-X11 protein-protein interaction network"(GRASPING ALZHEIMER) Coordinator  
2000-02 Progetto BIOGEM "Identificazione di geni e loro ruolo in patologia umana"  
2001-06 Italian Ministry of Health – Progetto Alzheimer - "Le funzioni della proteina APP ed il loro ruolo nella patogenesi dell'Alzheimer"  
2001-05 MURST-FIRB "Meccanismi di regolazione dello sviluppo del sistema nervoso e del differenziamento neurale" (PRONEURO)  
2004-06 EC- VI Framework Program "Abnormal proteins in the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative disorders" (APOPIS)  
2005-07 Alzheimer Association (USA) "Regulation of gene expression by APP-Fe65 complex"  
2006-07 MURST-PRIN "Regolazione della maturazione proteolitica del precursore del peptide beta-amiloide dell'Alzheimer"  
2009-2011 European Commission VI Framework Programme – SIROCCO Integrated Project  
2008- 2010 AIRC (Italian Association for Cancer Research) "Role of Fe65 in lymphomagenesis and DNA damage response induced by Myc"  
2011-2013 AIRC (Italian Association for Cancer Research) "The role of nuclear tau in the response to DNA damage and in tumorigenesis"  
2011-2014 PON 2010 "Novel nanotech strategies for development of drugs and diagnostics for targeting of circulating cancer cells"

## Editorial and Grant evaluation Activity

Member of the Editorial Board of The Journal of Biological Chemistry (USA) 2003- 2008 and 2010-2015

Ad hoc Reviewer for many premier Journals, such as for example: Cell Death & Differentiation, EMBO Reports, EMBO Journal, FASEB Journal, The Journal of Cell Biology, Journal of Neurochemistry, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Neuron, etc.

Ad hoc Reviewer for the following Grant Agencies: Wellcome Trust (UK), MRC (UK), Alzheimer's Association (USA), Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale (FR), Flanders Research Foundation (BE), MIUR FIRB (IT), MIUR-PRIN (IT), CNR (IT), CRUI-Ateneo Italo-Tedesco (IT), AIRC (IT), Istituto Superiore di Sanità (IT), etc.

## Other assignments

1997-2000	Committee Coordinator "Programma Biotecnologie" (legge 95/95) Italian National Research Council
1998-2001	Director Sub-project "Biotecnologie Diagnostiche e Biosensori" of "Progetto Finalizzato Biotecnologie" Italian National Research Council
2000-2001	Member of the National Committee of "Centri di Eccellenza" Ministry of Education, Italy
2001- 2007	Coordinator of the Project for the "Centro di Competenza di Genomica Funzionale-GEAR" Campania Region
2000-2002	Coordinator of the Integrated Project "Grasping Alzheimer" of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Framework Program of the EC
2005-2010	Coordinator of the Technical Committee of the Spin off activities, University of Napoli Federico II
2005-2011	Member of the Committee of the Veterinary facilities, University of Napoli Federico II
2005- 2010	President of the Scientific-Technical Committee of the CEINGE Research Center, Napoli
2006-2007	Member of the Scientific-Technical Committee of the BioGeM Research Center, Ariano Irpino
2007-2012	Director of the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Biotechnology, University of Napoli Federico II
2013-2015	Director of the Department of Molecular Medicine and Medical Biotechnology, University of Napoli Federico II
2009-2012	Member of the Scientific-Technical Committee of the CBA Research Center, Genova
2008-2013	President GEAR scarl
2010-2011	Member of the Board of Directors of the CEINGE scarl
2011-2014	Member of Italian National University Council

## Selected publications (2002-2012)

Parisi S, Battista M, Musto A, Navarra A, Tarantino C, Russo T.

A regulatory loop involving *Dies1* and miR-125a controls BMP4 signaling in mouse embryonic stem cells. **FASEB J.** 2012, 26(10):3957-68.

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A flexible method to study neuronal differentiation of mouse embryonic stem cells. **Neurochem Res.** 2010, 35(12):2218-25.

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Stante M, Minopoli G, Passaro F, Raia M, Vecchio LD, Russo T. Fe65 is required for Tip60-directed histone H4 acetylation at DNA strand breaks. **Proc Natl Acad Sci USA.** 2009, 106:5093-8.

Ferrari-Toninelli G, Bonini SA, Uberti D, Napolitano F, Stante M, Santoro F, Minopoli G, Zambrano N, Russo T, Memo M. Notch activation induces neurite remodeling and functional modifications in SH-SY5Y neuronal cells. **Dev Neurobiol.** 2009 Mar 4;69(6):378-391.

Zhou D, Zambrano N, Russo T, D'Adamio L. Phosphorylation of a Tyrosine in the Amyloid-beta Protein Precursor Intracellular Domain Inhibits Fe65 Binding and Signaling. **J Alzheimers Dis.** 2009 Feb;16:301-7.

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Minopoli G, Passaro F, Aloia L, Carlomagno F, Melillo RM, Santoro M, Forzati F, Zambrano N, Russo T. Receptor- and non-receptor tyrosine kinases induce processing of the amyloidprecursor protein: role of the low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein. **Neurodegener Dis.** 2007;4(2-3):94-100.

Nizzari M, Venezia V, Repetto E, Caorsi V, Magrassi R, Gagliani MC, Carlo P, Florio T, Schettini G, Tacchetti C, Russo T, Diaspro A, Russo C. Amyloid precursor protein and Presenilin1 interact with the adaptor GRB2 and modulate ERK 1,2 signaling. **J Biol Chem.** 2007 May 4;282(18):13833-44.

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feh-1 and apl-1, the *Caenorhabditis elegans* orthologues of mammalian Fe65 and beta-amyloid precursor protein genes, are involved in the same pathway that controls nematode pharyngeal pumping. **J Cell Sci.** 2002 Apr 1;115(Pt 7):1411-22.

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**Arch Biochem Biophys.** 2002 Jan 15;397(2):253-7.