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Personal information

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Date of birth	May 28 th 1960
Gender	Female
Occupational field	Legal Medicine, Forensic Pathology, Deontology, Bioethics

Work experience

Date	November 1, 2023: Director of the Postgraduate in Forensic Medicine at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
Occupation or position held	September 1, 2023: Full Professor for the scientific-disciplinary field MED/43 Legal Medicine at the Department of Biomedical, Metabolic and Neuro Sciences of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>31st December 2016 – Full Professor of Legal Medicine at the University of Parma</p> <p>1st December 2015</p> <p>Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine of the University of Parma</p> <p>2019- Rector's Delegate for health, hygiene and safety in the workplace and President of the Centre for services for health, hygiene and safety in the workplace of the University of Parma</p> <p>2018- Commissioner of the National Commission for the assignment of the National Scientific Qualification to the functions of university professor of first and second band in the competition sector 06 / M2-LEGAL MEDICINE AND WORK MEDICINE</p> <p>2016 - Member of the Biomedical Research Observatory (Institutional Review board) of the University of Parma (2016-18)</p> <p>2016 - Member of the Council of the Training and Research Center on Organization, Quality and Sustainability of Health Systems of the Research, Internationalization, Libraries and Museums Area and U.O.S. Private research and technology transfer</p> <p>2016-17: Rector's Delegate for the Mastercampus-Fare Campus project under the specific delegation of Construction, Infrastructure and Urban Settlement</p> <p>2017: Coordinator of the 5th year of the Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery</p> <p>2018: Vice-President of the Degree Course in Dentistry and Dental Prosthesis</p> <p>2015: Responsible of the service of forensic pathology and of the laboratory of forensic toxicology and histology</p>
Name and address of employer	Teaching of Legal Medicine, Medical Ethics and Bioethics, Criminal Law issues and Forensic Histopathology in several degree courses for students of Medicine, post-graduate courses for medical doctors and nurses. President of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathologists of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine. President of the Ethics Committee of the National Military "Celio" Hospital. Member of the Advisory Board of the International Academy of Legal Medicine. Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Journal of Legal Medicine (Springer). Corresponding member for Italy of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rechtsmedizin (German Society of Legal Medicine). Member of the Scientific Committee of the journal "Rechtsmedizin" (Springer). Associate Editor of Legal Medicine (Elsevier)
Date	
Occupation or position held	
Main activities and responsibilities	Department of Medicine and surgery, Via A. Gramsci 14, Parma, Italy
	2014-2015
	Associate Professor. Has passed national selection to become Full Professor.
Name and address of employer	Teaching of Legal Medicine, Medical Ethics and Bioethics, Criminal Law issues and Forensic Histopathology in several degree courses for students of Medicine, post-graduate courses for medical doctors and nurses. Legal Medicine activities at the Policlinico Umberto I teaching hospital of University Sapienza of Rome, especially in the field of malpractice and medical liability, clinical consultant, ethical and deontological issues, judiciary questions and diagnosis of brain death for organ transplantation. Organization of the laboratory of immunohistochemistry of the session on Legal Medicine. President of the Degree course of Occupational Therapy. President of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathologists of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine. President of the Ethics Committee of the National Military "Celio" Hospital. Member of the Ethics Committee of the Roman Order of Dentists. Representative of the Italian Health Ministry in the Expert Commission of the Italian Civil Protection for the drawing up of a Protocol on Mass Disasters. Member of the Advisory Board of the International Academy of Legal Medicine. Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Journal of Legal Medicine. Corresponding member for Italy of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rechtsmedizin (German Society of Legal Medicine). Member of the Scientific Committee of the journal "Rechtsmedizin"
	Department of Anatomical, histological, medico-legal and orthopaedic sciences, 336, Viale Regina Elena, 00161, Rome, Italy

Date	2006
Occupation or position held	Associate professor
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching of Legal Medicine, Medical Ethics and Bioethics, Criminal Law issues and Forensic Histopathology in several degree courses for students of Medicine, post-graduate courses for medical doctors and nurses. Legal Medicine activities at the Policlinico Umberto I of Rome teaching hospital, especially in the field of malpractice and medical liability, clinical consultant, ethical and deontological issues, judiciary questions and the diagnosis of brain death for organ transplantation. Organization of the laboratory of immunohistochemistry of the session on Legal Medicine. Vice-President of the Degree course of Occupational Therapy. Vice-President of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathologists of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine.
Name and address of employer	Department of Anatomical, histological, medico-legal and orthopaedic sciences, 336, Viale Regina Elena, 00161, Rome, Italy
Sector	Legal medicine1
Date	2002
Occupation or position held	Researcher. Has passed selection to become Associate professor
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching of Legal Medicine, Medical Ethics and Bioethics, Criminal Law issues and Forensic Histopathology in several university courses for students of medicine, medical doctors and nurses. Legal medicine activities at the Policlinico Umberto I of Rome teaching hospital, especially in the field of the diagnosis of brain death for organ transplantation. Vice-President of the degree course of Occupational Therapy. Secretary of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathologists of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine.
Name and address of employer	Department of Legal Medicine of the University "La Sapienza", 336, Viale Regina Elena, 00161, Rome
Sector	Legal medicine, forensic histopathology, deontology, bioethics
Date	1991
Occupation or position held	Assistant MD
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching of legal medicine and criminal law issues to students of medicine degree courses and legal medicine post-graduate courses. Legal medicine activities at the Policlinico Umberto I of Rome teaching hospital, especially in the field of the diagnosis of brain death for organ transplantation.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Legal Medicine of the University Sapienza, 336 Viale Regina Elena, 00161, Rome
Sector	Legal medicine, forensic pathology
Education and training	
Dates	1992/93
Title of qualification awarded	Post-graduate degree in Bioethics
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Catholic University "del Sacro Cuore" of Rome
Date	1989
Title of qualification awarded	Post-graduate degree <i>cum laude</i> in Legal Medicine
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Rome "La Sapienza"
Date	1986
Title of qualification awarded	Degree <i>cum laude</i> in Medicine
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Personal skills and competencesMother tongue(s) **Portuguese, German, Italian**Other language(s) **English, Spanish**

Self-assessment

European level ()***Italian****German****Portuguese****English****Spanish**

Understanding		Speaking				Writing			
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production		Writing	
	C2		C2		C2		C2		C2
	C2		C2		C1		C1		C1
	C2		C2		C2		C2		C2
	C1		C2		B2		B2		B2
	C2		C2		C1		C1		B2

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

Social skills and competences

While studying at university, she worked as tour leader from 1980 to 1990 for various tour operators, travelling around the world and learning to deal with a wide range of people. Since 1989 she has been working as tutor of students of the medical school and of the legal medicine post-graduate course. Her work focuses on training in research and in professional education. She is used to working in interdisciplinary fields, and has experience in bringing together, for research purposes, doctors with a wide range of specialist skills, nurses, psychologists, biologists, chemists, sociologists, anthropologists, philosophers and jurists. She collaborates with the Institute of Legal Medicine of Padua in a research project in omic sciences. She has recently embarked on a research project in nanotechnology with the Faculty of Engineering of Rome. Many of her publications are joint collaborations with colleagues from other Italian universities and from German (Münster, Essen, Hamburg) and Portuguese universities (Coimbra).

Her social skills has brought her to the following positions of responsibility:

- 1994-2000 and 2003-2006:** Auditor at the International Academy of Legal Medicine
- 2003** – Secretary of the Health Commission of the Italian League for Human Rights, Member of the *Fédération Internationale des Ligues Droits de l' Homme*
- 2006** – Vice-President of the Degree Course in Occupational Therapy
- 2007** – Coordinator of the Foreign Relation Group of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine
- 2007**– In charge of the Bioethics section of the official website of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine
- 1999 - 2010** – Secretary and Treasurer of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine
- 2010** – Vice-President of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine
- 2011** – Member of the Ethics Commission of the “Celio” National Military Hospital
- 2011** – Member of the Board of the Interdepartmental Center on Studies on Military Ethics (CISEM)
- 2012- 2013** – Member of the Ethics Commission of the Policlinico Umberto I of Rome teaching hospital of the University Sapienza
- 2013** – Representative of the Italian Health Ministry in the Expert Commission of the Italian Civil Protection for the drawing up of a Protocol on Mass Disasters
- 2014** – Vice-President of the Ethics Committee of the “Celio” National Military Hospital
- 2015** - President of the Ethics Committee of the “Celio” National Military Hospital
- 2023** - Vice-President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine
- 2023** - Delegate Person for Italy on the board of the European Council of Legal and Forensic Medicine

Organisational skills and competences

Since 1999, she has been organizing six-monthly seminars and triennial congresses for the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine, which appeal greatly to young legal doctors. She has introduced seminars on the doctor-patient relationship, and the relationship between terminally-ill patients and the doctor, respectively, in the third and fifth years of the degree in Medicine.

Technical skills and competences

During a 15-month training period at the Institut für Rechtsmedizin of the University of Muenster (Dir. Prof. Bernd Brinkmann), she learned the following techniques: immunohistochemistry, in-situ hybridization, PCR and nested PCR

International professional experience

During a 15-month training period at the Institut für Rechtsmedizin of the University of Muenster (Dir. Prof. Bernd Brinkmann), she collaborated actively with the European Council of Legal Medicine in drawing up a protocol for the harmonization of autopsies. She collaborated with Prof. Nuno Duarte Vieira in an advanced course on road traumatology from March to May 2003 in Coimbra (Portugal).

During a 1 month at the University of Wakayama (Japan), she started a collaboration in the field of forensic histopathology with Prof. Toshikazu Kondo and his team.

National acknowledgement

- 2021:** Member of the Board of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine (SIMLA)
- 2014:** President of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology (GIPF)
- 2010:** Vice-President of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology (GIPF)
- 2007:**Coordinator of the Foreign Relations Group of the *Italian Society of Legal Medicine* (SIMLA). Her international activities focus on collaborating with the European Academy of Legal Medicine (EALM).
- 1999-2010:** Secretary of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology (GIPF)

International acknowledgement

2024: Vice-President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM)
2024: Representative for Italy in the Board of the European Council of Legal and Forensic Medicine (ECLFM)
2018- Delegate for International Relations of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM)
2018- Delegate for Italy in the European Council of Legal Medicine (ECLM)
2015: Member of the Advisory Board and of the Foreign Relations Group of the International Academy of Legal Medicine
2015: Invited Speaker ("The Ante Mortem Interval through skin wound timing") at the XXIII Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (Dubai, 19-22 January 2015)
2014: Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Journal of Legal Medicine
2012: Invited speaker at the Workshop in Forensic Histopathology (The chronology of intracranial injuries) of the XXII Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (Istanbul, 5-8 July 2012)
1994-2000 and **2003-2006:** Auditor at the International Academy of Legal Medicine
March 2000-September 2003: Senior Researcher-term contract in a two-year project in the Systematic Study of General Ethical Principles Involved in End of Life Decisions for Patients in European Intensive Care Units. 5th Framework ETICHATT. Contract number: QLG6-CT-1999-00933
since 2008: Corresponding member for Italy of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rechtsmedizin (German Society of Legal Medicine)
since 2008: Member of the Scientific Committee of the journal "Rechtsmedizin"
2009: 3rd Prize for the best communication at the XXI Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (Lisbon, 28-30 May 2009) with the work *Chronology of mechanical asphyxia. IHC study on lung tissue* (R. Cecchi, L.Cipolloni, S. Valente, S.Caruso, C.Terranova, G.Cecchetto, G. Viel)

Additional information

Member of the following scientific societies:

- Italian Society of Legal Medicine since 1993;
- International Academy of Legal Medicine since 1994.
- Italian Group of Forensic Pathology since 1994.
- Member of the Italian Council on Bioethics since 2006.
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rechtsmedizin since 2008.

Contact persons

Prof. Thomas Bajanowski (Past-President of the German Society of Legal Medicine and Director of the Institut of Legal Medicine of the University of Essen, Germany - Thomas.Bajanowski@uk-essen.de)

Prof. Toshikasu Kondo (President of the Japanese society of Forensic Pathology and Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine, Wakayama University, Japan) – kotemendo1106@gmail.com

Prof. Nuno Duarte Vieira (President del European Council of Legal Medicine and Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine of the Coimbra University, Portugal) - dnvieira@inml.mj.pt

Annexes

Scientific Publications 192 PUBLICATIONS ON SCOPUS: H INDEX = 23, CITATIONS: 1515 (14.07.25)

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