

# Graziella Pellegrini CV



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## CURRENT POSITION

- Full professor of Cell Biology, Department of Life Sciences, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy
- Cell Therapy Program Coordinator, Centre for Regenerative Medicine “Stefano Ferrari”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy
- Founder of Holostem Terapie Avanzate S.r.l., Modena, Italy
- EU scientific expert for the Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency Therapy

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1984-1988: Pre- and post-doctoral training on Molecular Pharmacology, Pharmacology Department of Genova University, Genova, Italy
- 1988: Degree in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies, University of Genova, Italy.
- 1989: Degree in Pharmacy, University of Genova, Italy.
- 1989 Professional qualification to practice as a Pharmacist
- 1999: Fourth Ocular surface and Tear Conference, University of Miami School of Medicine
- 1999: Cytometry Methods, National Academy of Medicine, Milano, Italy
- 2009: Advanced course on Manufacturing and characterization of experimental medicinal products for advanced therapies, ISS, Roma
- 2009: Workshops on Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products, EMA, London
- 2013: National qualification for full professor

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- 1988-1991: Investigator, Laboratory of Cell Differentiation, National Institute for Cancer Research, Genova, Italy.
- 1991-1993: Head of Laboratory, Cellife Biotechnology, S.p.A., Milano, Italy.
- 1993-1995: Senior Investigator, Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology, Advanced Biotechnology Center, Genova, Italy.
- 1996-2002: Deputy Head, Laboratory of Tissue Engineering Laboratory, I.D.I. Hospital, Roma, Italy.
- 2002-2007: Head, Laboratory of the Epithelial Stem Cell Regional Research Center, The Veneto Eye Bank Foundation, Venice, Italy
- 2006-2016: Associate Professor of Cell Biology, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
- 2008-present: Head, Cell Therapy Program, Center for Regenerative Medicine “Stefano Ferrari”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
- 2008-2022: Founder, Member of the Board of Directors and R&D Director, Holostem Terapie Avanzate S.r.l., Modena, Italy.
- 2010-2017: QP, Holostem Terapie Avanzate S.r.l., Modena, Italy.
- 2022-2023 Founder and R&D Consultant, Holostem Terapie Avanzate S.r.l., Modena, Italy.
- 2016-present: Full Professor of Cell Biology, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
- 2022- present Scientific Expert of the clinical trial for urethral reconstruction in children suffering from Posterior Hypospadias, and
- 2016-present Clinical Research Scientist / Product Expert of the 3 European Clinical Trials for the treatment and follow up of patients suffering for a rare form of blindness due to Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency

## MAJOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Graziella Pellegrini has dedicated most of her scientific activities to translational medicine. She is recognized as leading scientist in human squamous epithelial stem cell biology and has been a driving force in the development of epithelial stem cell-mediated cell therapy and gene therapy.

Following on early work on the use of human epidermal stem cell cultures in life-saving treatment of massive full-thickness burns and in repigmentation of stable vitiligo and piebaldism by keratinocyte/melanocyte co-culture (reviewed in *Regen. Med.* 2006), Pellegrini and her main collaborator Michele De Luca were first to establish human urethral stem cell culture aimed at urethral regeneration in posterior hypospadias (*N. Engl. J. Med.* 1990; *Eur. Urol.* 2016; *Curr Stem*

Cell Res Ther. 2016; World J Urol. 2019). They then developed human limbal stem cell culture (J. Cell Biol. 1999) for corneal regeneration in patients with severe limbal stem cell deficiency (Lancet 1997; N. Engl. J. Med 2010; Regen. Med. 2013; Stem Cells 2014, Regen. Med. 2016; Cornea 2019). This treatment leads to recovery of normal vision and is now reproduced worldwide. In February 2015 such cultures were formally approved as an Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product by EMA, which registered them under the name of Holoclar. Holoclar is the first stem cell-based therapy approved in Europe and EMA has indicated it amongst the most relevant achievements in the field in the last 20 years.

They have characterized molecular mechanisms regulating long term proliferative potential, clonal evolution and self-renewal of epithelial stem cells. In particular, they shed light on the role of p63 (different isoforms) and c/EBP $\delta$  in regulating the proliferative potential and the self-renewal of human corneal stem cells, respectively (PNAS 2001, 2005; J. Cell Biol. 2007). Notably, their work demonstrated that the clinical success of limbal stem cultures is dependent on a discrete number of stem cells identified as holoclones expressing the  $\Delta N\alpha$  isoform of p63 (N. Engl. J. Med. 2010, TMM 2011, Regen. Med. 2013). Pellegrini and De Luca are also pioneering ex-vivo epithelial stem cell-mediated gene therapy for genetic skin diseases. They coordinated the first successful clinical trial to treat junctional epidermolysis bullosa (JEB) (Nat. Med. 2006; Stem Cell Rep. 2014; J. Invest. Dermatol, 2017; Nature, 2017).

JEB is a severe, often lethal genetic disease caused by mutations in genes encoding the basement membrane component laminin-332. Patients develop chronic skin and mucosa wounds, impairing their quality of life and leading to skin cancer. Pellegrini and De Luca have recently reported life-saving regeneration of entire, fully functional epidermis on a 7-year-old child suffering from a devastating, life-threatening form of JEB (Nature, 2017). Using integrations as clonal genetic marks, it was shown that the vast majority of epidermal TA progenitors are progressively lost within a few months after grafting and the regenerated epidermis is sustained only by a limited number of long-lasting, self-renewing stem cells (Cell Rep. 2019).

Based on this notion and on previous corneal data (N. Engl. J. Med 2010) they established that the essential feature of any cultured epithelial grafts is the presence and preservation of an adequate number of holoclone-forming cells. This provides a blueprint that can be applied to other stem cell-mediated ex vivo cell and gene therapies (N&V Nature 2010) by epithelial and other cell types (IOVS 2014 a & b; Current Transplantation 2018; Cell Prolif. 2019; Front Bioeng Biotechnol. 2020).

Pellegrini was in the International Committee defining the International Guidelines on Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency.

During their career, Pellegrini with her colleague De Luca, in collaboration with several clinicians, have treated:

- Hundreds of patients with massive skin burns (lifesaving)
  - Over 400 patients with massive ocular burns (restoration of vision)
  - Approximately 100 patients with stable vitiligo and piebaldism
  - Over hundred patients with oral mucosa defects
  - Less than 10 patients with posterior hypospadias
  - Three patients successfully treated in a Phase I/II clinical trials of ex vivo gene therapy of Epidermolysis Bullosa (24 patients enrolled in Italy and Austria)
- by means of cultured and characterized epithelial stem cells.

## SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

- Regulation of neurotransmitter release in central nervous system
- Adhesion mechanisms of human keratinocytes
- Biology of stem cells of human stratified epithelia
- Cell therapy by human epithelial cells cultured in vitro: epidermis for burnt patients and co-culture with melanocytes, used for the development of a protocol for clinical application on vitiligo patients; oral mucosa, urethra and ocular surface, in particular corneal surface, reconstructed in vitro for the first clinical application of cell therapy on limbal stem cell deficiency; the developed protocol allowed the treatment of specific type of blindness
- Gene therapy by genetically corrected keratinocytes
- Organization and spreading of cell therapy protocols and cultured cornea clinical application in Europe
- Translation of cell therapy protocol into GMP system (EU Regulation 1394/2007) and distribution of the advanced therapy for reconstruction of human corneal epithelium.
- International training on Cell Therapy protocol application for the regeneration of human corneal epithelium (Holoclar) in Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency
- Science popularization for Unistem, Zanichelli, Piccin, National Geographic, World Economic Forum, TEDx, Dubai Expo 2022 and others.

## AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 1988 Best poster presented at XXIV Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Farmacologia, Brescia, 25-28 September 1988
- 2002 Biennial Research Award “A.I.R.C.M.O.” (Italian Association for research and treatment of ocular pathologies), Rieti, 26 May 2002

- 2015 “Bonissima” Award assigned by the Major of Modena to the Centre for Regenerative Medicine “Stefano Ferrari”, Modena, 9 April 2015
- 2015 “Bonissima” Award assigned by the Major of Modena to Holostem Terapie Avanzate, Modena, 9 April 2015
- 2015 Award “Smart & Disruptive Companies 2015” assigned by MIT Technology Review Italy to Holostem Terapie Avanzate, Padova, 20 April 2015
- 2015 Best Italian abstract at American Urological Association’s 2015 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, May 2015
- 2015 Galeno Italy (Holoclar Award)
- 2016 Galien Nederland (Holoclar Award)
- 2016 Galien UK (Holoclar Award)
- 2017 Personal Award “Le Ragioni della Nuova Politica”, Roma, 14 December 2017
- 2018 ISSCR Award for Innovation, Melbourne Australia, 20-23 June 2018 (co-awarded with Michele De Luca)
- 2018 International award “Lombardia è ricerca”, Milan, 8 November 2018 (co-awarded with Michele De Luca and Tobias Hirsch)
- 2020 – Louis-Jeantet Prize (co-awarded with Michele De Luca)
- 2020 – TERMIS Career Achievement Award, European branch of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, 29 May 2020.
- 2020 – European Tech Women Award, London, 2, 4, 8 September 2020
- 2023- Award of Associazione Cavalieri San Silvestro, May 20, 2023
- 2023 – FEBS Award National Lecture support, Szczecin, Poland May 2023
- 2024- Award Gabriella Fabbrocini, Naples, May, 2024

## MISCELLANEA

- 2000-to date Technology transfer of human epidermal and corneal epithelial culture for transplantation, consultant J-TEC, Gamagori, Japan
- 2005 Chapter on the scientific activity on translation of regenerative medicine in Milano G. e Palmerini C., La rivoluzione delle cellule staminali, Feltrinelli, pp. 78-88
- 2014 Interview on the scientific activity on translation of regenerative medicine in Capocci M. e Corbellini G. (a cura di), Le cellule della speranza, Il caso Stamina tra inganno e scienza, Codice Edizioni, pp. 73-105
- 2014 Mention on scientific activities in Napoletano R., Viaggio in Italia, Rizzoli, pp. 55-56
- 2018 Women in Science, Part II, published on Stem Cell Report vol. 11 pp. 843-846, October 9 2018
- Science popularization on media, Italian: Surgery news, Class, Linx, L’oculista italiano, Oftalmologia Sociale, Radio 3 Scienza, Wired, Il Sole 24 Ore, Le Iene, L’Italia con voi, Maratona della scienza online, Dubai Expo 2020, Elisir  
Abroad: ABCNews, Bio-tech Media, Eurostemcell, Nature, CNN, Dokters Van Morgen, Le Temps, etc.,
- Luca Coscioni Organization for human rights and freedom, 22 Oct 2023

## PATENTS

1. Geraci G., De Rosa M., Rossi M., Cancedda R., De Luca M. and Pellegrini G., Cryoprotective aqueous solution useful for the preservation of in vitro cultured epithelial sheets, US Patent 5,670,308
2. Geraci G., De Rosa M., Rossi M., Cancedda R., De Luca M. and Pellegrini G., Cryoprotective aqueous solution useful for the preservation of in vitro cultured epithelial cells, EP Patent 0671877,
3. De Luca M. and Pellegrini G., Case for the protection and the transportation of epidermis or skin grafts cultivated in vitro from a skin graft cut from a donor, US Patent 2003034267
4. De Luca M. and Pellegrini G., Case for the protection and the transportation of epidermis or skin grafts cultivated in vitro from a skin graft cut from a donor, WO03024213
5. De Luca M. and Pellegrini G., Reconstructed laminae of human epithelium corneae and method of producing the same, US Patent 6,610,538
6. De Luca M. and Pellegrini G., In vitro reconstituted sheets of human corneal epithelium and method of producing the same, EP Patent 1451302
7. Pellegrini G., Desogus M., Device for ocular sampling, particularly for peripheral corneal sampling, EP2928381
8. Pellegrini G., Sorani A. Container, EP Patent 3462860
9. Pellegrini G., Sorani A. Container, US Patent 2019289844
10. De Luca M, Pellegrini G., Alessandrini A., In vitro method for producing a flap of genetically modified cells on fibrin substrate, WO2019034550
11. De Luca M, Pellegrini G., Alessandrini A., Method for producing cell flaps, US 2020/0291353
12. De Luca M., Pellegrini G. Therapeutic uses of flap of genetically modified cells,US 2020/027646
13. De Luca M., Pellegrini G. Therapeutic uses of flap of genetically modified cells, EP Patent 3684384
14. Pellegrini G., Maurizi E. Method for mesenchymal phenotype reversion in primary human corneal endothelial cells, National deposit 102022000020061.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- 1990 – 2003: Member of Italian Society of Cell Biology and Differentiation (FISV)
- 1999 – present: Member of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
- 2000: Founding Member of the International Ocular Surface Society (IOSS)
- 2003: Member of International Society of Dacryology and Dry Eye (ISDDE)
- 2004- 2005: Member of Tissue Engineering Society International (TESi)
- 2005 – present: Member of International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)
- 2006 – present: Member of Società Italiana di Oftalmologia
- 2008 – 2021: Member of Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society (TFOS)
- 2010: Member of International Society for Eye Research (ISER)

- 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016: Member of European Society for Cell and Gene Therapy (ESCGT)
- 2010 – present: Member of Associazione Italiana di Biologia e Genetica (AIBG)
- 2012-2013, 2017-2018: Member of Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency Working Group, New Orleans
- 2012-2016: Member of European Society of Cornea & Ocular Surface Disease Specialists (EUCornea)
- 2014-2015, 2019-2020, 2021, 2022: International Society of Tissue Engineering (TERMIS)
- 2017-2019: Member of National Committee for Ethical Committee coordination
- 2020-2022: Scientific Advisory Board – Mogrify Cambridge, UK
- 2021: Scientific Advisory Board – IRP (Pediatric Research Institute) – Padova (Italy)
- 2021-present Member of the Translational Committee of International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)
- 2022- present Member of the MCTR (Manufacturing Clinical translation and Industry) committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)
- 2023-present Member of ISSCR Educational Committee

## TEACHING (COURSES, SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS)

### Courses at University of Modena and Reggio Emilia:

- 2006-2008 Experimental Models [BFS-1]
- 2006-2008 Experimental Models [BM-1]
- 2008-2010 Microbial and cellular biotechnologies [SBT-48]
- 2008-2012 Biological bases of Molecular and Regenerative Medicine [BMF-3]
- 2012-2014 Biological bases of Regenerative Medicine [BMD-7]
- 2014-2015 Technologies for Tissue Engineering [BMD-8]
- 2015-2022 Regenerative medicine [BTM-06]
- 2006-present: Professor at PhD Program in Molecular and Regenerative Medicine
- 2020-2023 Master ATMP (Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products) industrial development, production process, clinical implementation, use.

### Other teaching activities

1. Adjunct professor in “Regional laboratory course in biotechnology” run by Cellife Biotechnology S.p.A. at IST Cancer Institute, Genova, 1991-92
2. Adjunct professor in “Regional Advanced Course in Biotechnology” at Advanced Biotechnology Center, Genova, 1994
3. Adjunct professor in “Chemioprevenzione dei tumori” course at Biotechnology and Experimental Oncology School, S.Margherita Ligure, Italy, 1995
4. Adjunct professor in the European course “Advanced Technologies in Stem Cell Growth and Development” at EU Stem Cells School, 2002, Pisa, Italy
5. Adjunct professor in annual course of Biological Tissues Bioengineering, 2002, Bressanone, Italy
6. Seminar, Laval University, 2002, Quebec, Canada
7. Adjunct professor in Stem Cell Course of Scuola Superiore di Immunologia “Ruggero Ceppellini”, 2003, Napoli, Italy
8. Adjunct professor in Adult Stem Cell Course of the Italian Branch of the European Tissue Culture Society, 2004, Brescia, Italy

9. Professor, Scientific journalist Course University of Pavia, 2004, Pavia, Italy
10. Professor, National theoretical and practical courses for ophthalmologists “Culture techniques and application of corneal epithelial stem cells”, 2004, Venice, Italy
11. Professor, National and international theoretical and practical courses for ophthalmologists “Transplantation of in vitro expanded corneal stem cell”, 2004, Venice, Italy
12. Seminar at Zeiss, 27 January 2005, Jena, Germany,
13. Seminar on Confocal Microscopy, ICGEB, 20-21 April 2005 Trieste, Italia
14. Seminar, University Hospital Basel 17 May 2005, Basilea, Switzerland
15. Professor, Master programs in Cell and Molecular Biology at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Lyon 26 September 2005, Lione, France
16. Professor, National theoretical and practical courses for ophthalmologists “Culture techniques and application of corneal epithelial stem cells”, 2006, Venice, Italy
17. Seminar at University of Ferrara, 7 April. 2006, Ferrara, Italy
18. Seminar at University of Ragusa, 6 May 2006, Ragusa, Italy
19. Seminar at University of Milano, “Bioethic course on stem cells”, 2 October 2007, Milan, Italy
20. Professor at International School of advanced biomedicine and bioinformatics “Stem cells: Biology, Biotechnology, medical applications”, University of Catania, 1-5 October 2007, Acitrezza, Italy
21. Seminar “Cell Therapy of genetically modified epidermal cells, PhD Course in human Reproductive and Developmental Sciences, University of Bologna, 28 November 2007, Bologna, Italy
22. Corso di Aggiornamento teorico-pratico “Microscopia: dalle molecole al paziente. Generare ed interpretare immagini in biomedicina”, 3-6 December 2007, Genova, Italy
23. Seminar at J-TEC (Japanese Tissue Engineering Company), 21 April 2008, Gamagori, Japan
24. Seminar on Regenerative Medicine, University of Parma, 5 May 2008, Parma, Italy
25. Seminar at LVPEI (LV Prasad Eye Institute), 18 January 2009, Hyderabad, India
26. Seminar on “Study, Reconstruction and clinical application of limbal-corneal epithelium”, 20 January 2009, Madurai, India
27. Professor, Master program in Cell and Molecular Biology, Ecole Normale Supérieure, 22 January 2009, Lyon, France
28. Seminar “Translational Medicine of stratified epithelia”, PhD program New perspectives in morphological sciences, University of Milan, 23 June 2009, Milan, Italy
29. Professor, International Summer School on “Low vision: epidemiology and therapeutical approaches”, 17-24 September 2009, Lecce, Italy
30. Professor, International School on Advanced Molecular Biomedicine, 2-6 October 2009, Acitrezza (CT), Italy
31. Professor, Master Biosciences della Ecole Normale Supérieure, 27-29 January 2010, Lione, France
32. Seminar on “Permanent Corneal Regeneration by Autologous Cultures of Limbal Stem Cells: a Long-Term Clinical Study”, North East England Stem Cell Institute (NESCI), 25 February 2010, Newcastle, UK
33. High Specialization Shortmaster “Apparecchiature Biomedicali: sistemi avanzati per la diagnostica e la terapia medica”, 23 April 2010, Mirandola (MO)
34. Seminars CME & Doctoral Course “Regenerative and Transplantation Medicine in Ophthalmology”, 12-16 November 2011, Bangalore, India
35. Seminar, Course of Bioethics 2011-2012, University of Milan, 5 March 2012, Milano, Italy
36. “Regenerative Medicine Seminar Series” at Cedars-Sinai, 3 October 2013, Los Angeles (USA)

37. Course “Applicazioni Traslazionali dei Medicinali Sperimentali per Terapie Avanzate”, ISS, 18-19 November 2013, Roma, Italy
38. Seminar on “The ocular surface from basic science to industrialization” iBG-Izmir, Izmir Biomedicine and Genome Center, Dokuz Eylul University Health Campus, 24 April 2015, Izmir, Turkey
39. Seminar “Esempi di medicina rigenerativa mediante epitelii di rivestimento”, University of Genova, Ciclo di Lezioni Seminari “Medicina Rigenerativa Oggi”, 29 April 2015, Genova, Italy
40. Professor at “Corso teorico-pratico sulla Citologia della Superficie Oculare”, University of Napoli Federico II, 7-8 October 2015, Napoli, Italy
41. Seminar “Holostem and Holoclar Story: New Ophthalmological Techniques and Industry Trends in Europe”, Osaka, Japan, 17 March 2016
42. Centro Chirurgico Toscano, Workshop “La ricostruzione del corpo umano con l’ingegneria tissulare e le cellule staminali: stato attuale e prospettive future”, April 16, 2016, Arezzo (Italy)
43. Institute of Reconstructive Neurobiology, University of Bonn, LIFE & BRAIN Center, Seminario “State of translational activities at the various sites”, Bonn, 3 November 2016
44. John Walton Muscular Dystrophy Research Centre, Newcastle University, Seminario “Advanced therapy medicinal products, road to the clinic”, 23 November 2016, Newcastle, UK
45. Azienda Ospedaliera San Giovanni Addolorata, Course “Le cellule staminali in oftalmologia: le Ustioni Corneo-Congiuntivali”, 13 October 2017, Roma, Italy
46. Ri.MED Foundation, Symposium “Restoration of Vision”, 26-27 October 2017, Roma, Italy
47. AO Ospedali Riuniti Villa Sofia-Cervello, Seminar, 12 February 2018, Palermo, Italy
48. UCLA, Stein Eye Institute, Seminar, 23 February 2018, Los Angeles, USA
49. Unistem Day 2018, 16 March 2018, Modena, Italy
50. Università di Roma Tor Vergata, “Frontiers in Genito-Urinary Reconstruction”, 13-14 April 2018, Roma, Italy
51. 13th YES Meeting (Young European Scientist Meeting), 13-16 September 2018, Porto, Portugal
52. 4th ITRUST Futurology Meeting, 26-28 September 2018, Roma
53. “NAO Summit – Conoscenze a confronto”, 10 October 2018, Milan, Italy
54. Il Ruolo del Farmacologo nel SSN, 20-21 November 2018, Roma, Italy
55. BSRT, Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies, Symposium “The Art of Failure: Regenerative Therapies from Experimental Sketches to Clinical Masterpieces”, 28-30 November 2018, Berlin, Germany
56. University of Utrecht, “Introduction to Stem Cell Biology” Course, 15 January 2019, Utrecht, The Netherlands
57. Université de Strasbourg, Winter School on Physical Organic Chemistry, E-WISPOC 2019, 27 January-1 February 2019, Bressanone
58. IT-ARVO Chapter Meeting, Terapie Avanzate in Oftalmologia, 15-16 February 2019, Catania, Italy
59. H2020-MSCA-ITN-2017, European Training Networks, “Educating the next generation of scientists in translational medicine: Focus on eye diseases”, 11 July 2019, Modena, Italy
60. Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC), Columbia Stem Cell Initiative (CSCI) Seminar Series, 24 October 2019, New York, USA
61. Human and Mammalian genetics and Genomics: the 60th Mc Kusick short course, The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbour, Maine, USA, 15-26 July 2020 (remote)
62. Università degli Studi di Milano, lesson for 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Master in Pediatric Nephrology and Urology, Milano, Italy, 12 November 2020 (remote)
63. EATRIS, ADVANCE ATMPs Development Online Course, 1 December 2020 (remote)

64. Utrecht University, PhD Programmes on Cancer Stem Cells & Developmental Biology (CSnD) and Regenerative Medicine, 10 December 2020 (remote)
65. REMIX Seminar Series on Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine, 18 January 2021 (remote)
66. Biontech, Spring Session of Biotech online seminars, 10 March 2021 (remote)
67. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, International Master's Program in "Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering"- Module 7: Roadmap to Clinical Translation, 3rd September 2021 (remote)
68. World Conference of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, TERMIS, November 15-19th 2021, Prof. Graziella Pellegrini (remote)
69. Lund University, NSC-Reconstruct Workshop #2: Regulatory and ethical issues related to the development and clinical use of next generation cell therapy products, November 22nd-23rd 2021, Lund, Sweden (remote)
70. Utrecht University, PhD Programme on "Cancer Stem Cells and Developmental Biology" (CSnD) and Regenerative Medicine, 15 December 2021 (remote)
71. NCNbio Srl, "Dal red biotech nuove professioni per i giovani, esploriamo la Bioproduction delle terapie avanzate... continua il viaggio nelle cell factories italiane", 11 January 2022 (remote)
72. Mogrify, "Mogrify Lunch & Learn" series, 13 January 2022 (remote)
73. Limbal Stem Cells, Symposium on Group Catalyst, 24-26 March 2022 (remote)
74. 61° Simposio AFI, "Il mondo farmaceutico: i paradigmi di una nuova era", 8-10 June 2022, Rimini, Italy
75. World Council of Philadelphia, 17 June 2022
76. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Master in Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering, Second Edition, Rome, Italy, 28 January 2023
77. Course on Lamellar Keratoplasty, Apr 29, 2023, Augenklinik Sulzbach, from remote, Germany
78. Utrecht University, PhD Programme on "Cancer Stem Cells and Developmental Biology" (CSnD) and Regenerative Medicine December 2023  
C TMRS Webinar Montreal 29 February 2024  
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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: DISSEMINATION

1. UniStem Day 2012, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, 9 March 2012, Modena, Italy
2. UniStem Day 2013, University of Milan, 15 March 2013, Milan, Italy
3. Lesson to students of Scuola Media Istituto Sacro Cuore, 9 January 2014, Modena, Italy
4. UniStem Day 2014, University of Modena e Reggio Emilia, 13 March 2014, Modena, Italy
5. UniStem Day 2014, University of Modena e Reggio Emilia, 14 March 2014, Modena, Italy
6. UniStem Day 2015, University of Modena e Reggio Emilia, 13 March 2015, Modena, Italy
7. **WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM**, Breakthrough in Science, Davos, Switzerland, January 2015
8. "La Scienza a scuola: 100 lessons by scientists and teachers "capire come la scienza cambia il mondo" organized by Zanichelli Editore, 30 November 2015, Milano, Italy
9. Zanichelli Editore, Lessons "La scienza a scuola" , lesson to student of Liceo Lorenzini, 27 October 2016, Pescia (PT), Italy

10. Zanichelli Editor, Lessons “La scienza a scuola” , lesson to students of Liceo Scientifico Righi, Roma, 18 November 2016
11. Zanichelli Editor, Lessons “La scienza a scuola”, lessons to students of Liceo Scientifico Allegretti, 16 December 2016, Vignola (MO), Italy
12. UniStem Day 2017, 17 March 2017, Roma, Italy
13. Zanichelli Editor, Lessons “La scienza a scuola” : Liceo Cornaro, 3 November 2017, Padova, Italy
14. Zanichelli Editor, Lessons “La scienza a scuola” Liceo Scientifico Morin, 10 November 2017, Mestre, Italy
15. Zanichelli Editore, Lessons “La scienza a scuola” Liceo Scarpa, 24 November 2017, Motta di Livenza, Italy
16. Zanichelli Editor, Lesson “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Bruno Franchetti, Mestre (VE), Italy, 24 November 2020 (remote)
17. Zanichelli Editor, Lesson “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Paleocapa, Rovigo, 2 December 2020 (remote)
18. Zanichelli Editor, Lesson “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Vivona, Roma, 16 December 2020 (remote)
19. Zanichelli Editor, Lesson “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Gandini, Lodi, 15 February 2021 (remote)
20. Zanichelli Editor, Lesson “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Valeriani, Imola (BO), 25 February 2021
21. Zanichelli Editor, Lesson “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Racchetti, Crema (CR), 23 February 2021
22. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo di Crotone, 28 October 2021 (remote)
23. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Palmieri, Lecce, 24 november 2021 (remote)
24. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Classico “Maurolico”, Messina e Liceo Scientifico “Galileo Galilei”, Spadafora, 1 December 2021 (remote)
25. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo di Biella, 16 dicembre 2021, Prof. Graziella Pellegrini (remote)
26. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Scientifico Statale “Leonardo Da Vinci”, Pescara, 02 February 2022 (remote)
27. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Biologico “Selmi”, Modena, 24 February 2022 (remote)
28. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo di Biella, 4 March 2022 (remote)
29. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Castelnuovo di Firenze, 11 March 2022 (remote)
30. Fondazione “Costruiamo il Futuro”, Scuola di Formazione “Pensiamo il Futuro”, 8-10 april 2022, Milano, Italy
31. **EXPO DUBAI 2020**, Organization and presentation of the Life Science stand “Personalized Medicine: new tools and active policies for prevention, diagnosis and therapy”, January 2022
32. EXPOSANITA’, Workshop Clust-ER Health, Industrie della Salute e del Benessere, “Prodotti medicinali per le terapie avanzate: prospettive di sviluppo e industrializzazione”, 12 May 2022, Bologna
33. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo E. Maiorana, S.Lazzaro BO February 7 2023

34. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Duca Treviso, 15 February 2023
35. Zanichelli Editor, lesson, “Riparare il nostro corpo con le cellule staminali”, Liceo Valentini di Castrolibero, February 17, 2023
36. Unistem Day, March 10 2023, Milan , Italy
37. Zanichelli Rho MI Jan 2024
38. Zanichelli ....Feb 2024
39. Zanichelli .....Mar 2024
40. Unistem, Chieti 2024
41. World Health Forum March 2024
42. ...

## SCIENTIFIC MEETING ORGANIZATION

1. Co-Chairman, International Congress on Eye Research, 6-11 October 2002, Geneva, Switzerland
2. Co-Chairman of Stem Cell I section, ARVO Annual Meeting, 28 April-4 May 2006, Ft.Lauderdale, FL, USA
3. Co-Chairman of session “Basic Perspective in Ocular Surface Stem Cells”, International Congress on Eye Research, 29 October 2006, Buenos Aires, Argentina
4. President and chairman, Meeting “Cornea – cellule staminali – chirurgia del trapianto”, 9 December 2006, Bolzano, Italy
5. Member of International Scientific Committee, Asia-ARVO meeting, organizing session “Stem Cell Research”, 15-18 January 2009, Hyderabad, India
6. Chairman and Co-chairman, Gordon Research Conference, 7-12 March 2010, Ventura, CA, USA
7. World Ophthalmology Congress, 16-20 February 2012, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
8. Session organizer, ARVO Annual Meeting, 6-10 May 2012, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA
9. Member of the Scientific Committee, ISSCR Annual Meeting 2017, 14-17 June 2017, Boston, MA, USA
10. Member of the ISSCR Translational Committee 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
11. Member of the MCTI (Manufacturing Clinical translation and Industry) committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) 2022, 2023
12. Member of the Educational Committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) 2023
13. World Ophthalmology Congress, 16-19 August 2024, Vancouver, Canada

## INVITED LECTURESHIPS

1. EUROCONFERENCE, “Tissue and cell engineering” 18-23 September 1998, S.Margherita Ligure, Italy
2. Meeting “Il trapianto di cornea complicato” 8-9 October 1999 ,Castiglione della Pescaia, Italy
3. VI Scientific Meeting A.I.S.Co, 25 November 1999, Roma, Italy

4. XIV International Congress of Eye Research , 15-20 October 2000 Santa Fè, NM, USA
5. The International Symposium of Modern Ophthalmology, 3-5 August 2001, Taipei, Taiwan
6. First Singapore Eye Research Institute International Meeting, 27-30 September 2001, Singapore
7. First Biennial Meeting of the European Tissue Engineering Society International, 7-10 November 2001, Freiburg, Germany
8. First International Workshop "Cell therapy: filling the gap between basic science and clinical trials", Istituto Superiore di Sanità, 15-17 October 2001, Rome, Italy
9. "Advances on stem cell implants for ocular surface diseases", Hospital Maisonneuve-Rosemont, 9 April 2002, Montreal , Canada
10. Meeting of Vision Health Network of Fonds de Recherche en Santé du Quebec, 12 April 2002, Trois Rivieres, Canada
11. 1st European Meeting Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Ocular Surface Disease, 31 May-1 June 2002, S. Margherita Ligure, Italy
12. EVER (European Vision and Eye Research) Symposium, September 2002, Lisboa, Portugal
13. 6th Allergan symposium, 27 September 2002, Londra, UK
14. ICER (International Congress on Eye Research) Meeting, 6-11 October 2002, Geneva, Switzerland
15. From stem cells to clinic, Recherche, Technologie Transfert et role des fondations bancaires, Dec 6 December 2002, Brussel, Belgium
16. French Symposium of Ophthalmology, Hopital Hotel Dieu, 25 January 2003, Paris, France
17. SITRAC (Italian Society of Cornea Transplantation) Symposium, February 2003, Mestre, Italy
18. SICSSO (Italian Society of Stem Cells of the Ocular Surface) and IOSS (International Ocular Surface Society) Meeting, 5-7 June 2003, Erice, Italy
19. EEBA (European Eye Bank Association) Annual Meeting, 21 June 2003, Washington, USA
20. ETES (European Tissue Engineering Society) 2nd Annual Meeting, 3-6 September 2003, Genova, Italy
21. Korean Ophthalmology Annual Symposium, 11 October 2003, Seoul, Korea
22. TESi (Tissue Engineering Society International), December 2003, Orlando, FL, USA
23. SITRAC Italian Society of Cornea Transplantation Symposium 26-28 February 2004, Siena, Italy
24. SIG (Special Interest Group) at ARVO (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology), 24-30 April 2004, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA
25. Workshop on Stem Cells, Italian Association for Cell Culture, 3 May 2004, Brescia, Italy
26. SOI (Italian Ophthalmology Society) Annual Meeting, 20-22 May 2004, Napoli, Italy
27. SICSSO (Italian Society of Ocular Surface Stem Cells), 3-4 June 2004, Maiori (SA), Italy
28. Superficie Oculare a-z Meeting, 2-3 July 2004, Bari, Italy
29. Eye Banking and Tissue Engineering, 22-23 September 2004, Genova, Italy
30. EVER (European Vision and Eye Research) Meeting 23-26 September 2004, Lisboa, Portugal
31. Tissue Banks, Recent development and new perspectives, 25 October 2004, Torino, Italy
32. SOI (Italian Ophthalmology Society) Meeting 22 November 2004, Roma, Italy
33. XI Annual Symposium, Ranbaxy Science Foundation, 7-10 March 2005, Hyderabad, India
34. Meeting "Cellule staminali: dal laboratorio all'applicazione clinica", Spedali Civili di Brescia. 31 May 2005, Brescia, Italy
35. SICSSO (Italian Society of Ocular Surface Stem Cells), 3 June 2005, Venezia, Italy
36. V Meeting SOC (Società Oftalmologia Calabrese) 1-2 July 2005, Siderno (RC), Italy
37. LOEX Symposium, 22-24 September 2005, Quebec, Canada
38. VII Research Days, Federal University of Sao Paulo, 8-10 December 2005, Sao Paulo, Brasil
39. Meeting "La frontiera della Ricerca Scientifica", 7 April 2006, Cento (FE), Italy

40. Meeting “Educazione Continua in Oftalmologia 2006 – Le Cellule Staminali Nella Patologia Della Superficie Oculare”, 27 April 2006, Modena, Italy
41. The Royal College Of Ophthalmologists Annual Congress, 23-25 May 2006, Manchester, UK
42. SICSSO (Italian Society of Ocular Surface Stem Cells) V National Congress “The latest on ocular surface”, 1-3 June 2006, Roma, Italia.
43. Meeting at Istituto Humanitas, 16 September 2006, Rozzano (MI), Italia.
44. ISER (International Society for Eye Research), XVII International Congress on Eye Research, 29 October– 3 November 2006, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
45. President and Speaker, Meeting “Cornea – cellule staminali – chirurgia del trapianto”, 9 December 2006, Bolzano, Italy
46. SOI (Italian Ophthalmology Society) Annual Meeting 23-25 May 2007, Roma, Italy
47. SICSSO (Italian Society of Ocular Surface Stem Cells) International Congress, 14-17 June 2007, Lecce, Italy
48. 3° Meeting Day on Stem cell “Terapia Cellulari con Cellule Staminali Adulte”, 22 June 2007, Milano, Italy
49. TFOS (Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society) Meeting, 3-7 September 2007, Taormina, Italy
50. Regenerative Medicine, Brainstorming of European Community Scientific Department, 20 September 2007, Bruxelles, Belgium
51. Premio Sapio, Giornata di studio sulle Biotechnologie “Stem Cell Research & Clinical Application”, 23 November 2007, Milano, Italy
52. SITraC (Società Italiana Trapianto di Cornea) Congress, 21-23 February 2008, Milano, Italy
53. Regenerative medicine expert consultation meeting, 6 March 2008, Bruxelles, Belgium
54. CIBA Vision Symposium in the 112th Japanese Ophthalmological Society Meeting, 19 April 2008, Yokohama, Japan
55. Cimtec Symposium, Smart Biomaterials, 8-13 June 2008, Acireale, Italy
56. Conference on clinical application of cultured epithelium in limbal stem cell deficiency (LSCD), 25 June 2008, Belfast, Ireland
57. ESCCA european Congress, “Cell Therapy”, 19 September 2008, Bremen, Germany
58. Asia-ARVO Meeting, Stem Cell Research session, Seeking stem cells session, 15-18 January 2009, Hyderabad, India
59. SITraC (Italian Society on Cornea Transplant) meeting, 26-28 February 2009, Torino, Italy
60. Chiesi R&D Award, 7 April 2009, Parma, Italy
61. 26th Biennial Cornea Research Conference, 9-10 October 2009, Boston, USA
62. SIOG congresso “Aggiornamenti in genetica oculare: diagnosi e trattamento delle patologie oculari geneticamente determinate”, 8 February 2010, Milano, Italy
63. Gordon Conference “Biology & Pathobiology of the Cornea”, 7-11 March 2010, Ventura, CA, USA
64. World Cornea Congress VI, 7-9 April 2010, Boston, USA
65. ARVO (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) Annual Meeting, 2-6 May 2010, Fort Lauderdale, USA
66. World Ophthalmology Congress, 5-9 June 2010, Berlin, Germany
67. International Congress of Eye Research, 18-23 July 2010, Montreal, Canada
68. ISCT-Europe, 2nd Regional Meeting, 11-14 September 2010, Belgirate (VB), Italy
69. Paul Martini Foundation Workshop, 16 September 2010, Berlin, Germany
70. 6th International Conference on the Tear Film & Ocular Surface (TFOS), 23-25 September 2010, Firenze, Italy
71. 18th ESGCT Annual Congress, 22-25 October 2010, Milano, Italia
72. The 2nd Asia Cornea Society Biennial Scientific Meeting, 1-3 December 2010, Kyoto, Japan
73. Dutch Medical Research Council (ZonMw) ATMP workshop, 9-10 March 2011, Heeze, The Netherlands

74. Accademia Nazionale di Scienze, Lettere e Arti di Modena, Conference on “Cellule staminali e medicina rigenerativa”, 19 March 2011, Modena, Italy
75. ARVO Annual Meeting, 1-5 May 2011, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA
76. Annual conference “Vision Restoration: Regenerative Medicine in Ophthalmology”, 26-27 May 2011, Pittsburgh, USA
77. 10th Congress of the French Society of Cell and Gene Therapy, 6-8 June 2011, Nantes, Francia
78. First International Joint Congress ROL&SICSSO, 7-9 July 2011, Principina a mare (GR), Italy
79. UniStem, “Cellule staminali nella sperimentazione clinica”, 24 June 2011, Milano, Italy
80. 2nd Polish Congress of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, 5-9 September 2011, Krakow, Poland
81. NIRM Symposium “Recent Development in Stem Cell Research”, 20 September 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
82. 4th Annual Limbal Stem Cell Meeting, 23 September 2011, Nottingham, UK
83. Convegno Unisalute “Le cellule Staminali e il loro Impiego attuale nella clinica”, 30 September 2011, Bologna, Italy
84. Biotech 2011, 6 October 2011, Milano, Italy
85. 115th Annual American Academy of Ophthalmology Meeting, 22-25 October 2011, Orlando, FL, USA
86. Karnataka Ophthalmic Society, 30th Annual Conference, 11-13 November 2011, Bangalore, India
87. 56° Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Gerontologia e Geriatria, 30 November 2011, Firenze, Italy
88. World Ophthalmology Congress 2012, 16-20 February 2012, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
89. 26° Congresso nazionale SITRAC, 23-25 February 2012, Roma, Italy
90. UniStem, IV edizione della Giornata della Scienza dedicata alle scuole superiori, 9 March 2012, Modena, Italy
91. “Working group of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences on new developments in stem cell research and possible application in medicine”, 16-17 April 2012, Città del Vaticano
92. ARVO Annual Meeting, 6-10 May 2012, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA
93. 2nd International Joint Congress ROL&SICSSO, 28-30 June 2012, Roma, Italy
94. EMBO Conference Series on Regeneration, 2-6 September 2012, Oxford, UK
95. NICB, Conference “Biothechnology in Action 2012”, 4-6 September 2012, Dublin, Ireland
96. 3th EuCornea congress, 6-8 September 2012, Milano, Italy
97. ESGT-SFTCG Annual Congress 2012, 25-29 October 2012, Versailles, Francia
98. American Academy of Ophthalmology, Cornea Society Limbal Stem Working Group, 12 November 2012, Chicago, USA
99. Convegno “CELLULE STAMINALI : Stato dell’arte e indicazioni cliniche fra dilemmi etici e prescrizioni istituzionali”, Ordine dei Medici Chirurghi ed Odontoiatri, 2 February 2013, Brescia, Italy
100. Unistem Day 2013, 14 March 2013, Milano, Italy
101. Japanese Ophthalmological Society 117th Annual Meeting, 4-7 April 2013, Tokyo, Japan
102. EATRIS Conference on Translational Medicine, 3-4 June 2013, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
103. 11th ISSCR Annual Meeting, 12-15 June 2013, Boston, MA, USA
104. PDA Europe Conference, “Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products”, 25-26 June 2013, Firenze, Italy
105. 3rd Joint Meeting of Refr@active.online and SICSSO, 27-29 June 2013, Siena, Italy
106. 12th Congress of the Transplant Society, 7-11 July 2013, Milano, Italy
107. University of Vermont, International Workshop “Stem Cells and Cellular Therapies in Lung Biology and Lung Diseases Conference”, 29 July-1 August 2013, Burlington, USA

108. ISSCR, Regional Forum Series 2013, “Stem Cells in Translation, 15-18 September 2013, Firenze, Italy
109. TFOS 7th International Conference on the Tear Film & Ocular Surface: basic science and clinical relevance”, 18-21 September 2013, Taormina (CT), Italy
110. Stem Cell Biology Symposium, 24-28 September 2013, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, USA
111. XV Congresso Nazionale AIBG, 27-28 September 2013, Arcavacada di Rende (CS), Italy
112. Cornea Society Limbal Stem Cell Working Group Meeting, 17 November 2013, New Orleans, USA
113. 6° Convegno Annuale ONLUS-AICC (Associazione Italiana di Colture Cellulari), “Progressi e prospettive delle terapie cellulari”, 20-22 November 2013, Brescia, Italy
114. EATRIS (European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine), “ATMP Platform Meeting”, 16-17 December 2013, Rome, Italy
115. 6th International Symposium “Advances in diagnosis and treatment of corneal diseases”, 6-8 March 2014, Wisla, Poland
116. Senato della Repubblica, Commissione Igiene e Sanità, “Le Applicazioni delle Cellule Staminali in Medicina Rigenerativa”, 15 April 2014, Palazzo Giustiniani, Roma, Italy
117. SIBO (Società Italiana Banche degli Occhi) National Congress, 10 May 2014, Monza, Italy
118. 2014 Nature China Conference, 29-31 May 2014, Guangzhou, China
119. TERMIS-EU, 2014 Chapter Meeting, 10-13 June 2014, Genova, Italy
120. I Congress of the Polish Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Biophysics and Bioinformatics – BIO2014, 9-12 September 2014, Warsaw, Poland
121. EU Cornea Meeting – Symposium on “Corneal donation practice in Europe”, 12-13 September 2014, London, UK
122. Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Primo incontro scientifico di Ateneo su “Cellule Staminali e Medicina Rigenerativa”, 7 October 2014, Modena, Italy
123. EMBO Conference on Stem Cells in Cancer and Regenerative Medicine 2014, 9-12 October 2014, Heidelberg, Germany
124. STUEMO (Società Tosco-Umbro-Emiliano-Marchigiana di Oftalmologia), Congresso Annuale “Innovazione in Oftalmochirurgia”, 25 October 2014, Modena, Italy
125. ISCF (International Stem Cell Forum) Symposium, “Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cells: Translational Challenges”, 18 November 2014, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
126. Universidad de los Andes, 2nd Chilean Congress for Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine”, 27-29 November 2014, Santiago, Chile
127. World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2015, 21-24 January 2015, Davos, Switzerland
128. Workshop “Dalla ricerca sulle staminali alla ‘fabbrica’ dei nuovi farmaci”, 10 April 2015, Modena, Italy
129. American Urological Association, AUA 2015 Annual Meeting, 15-29 May 2015, New Orleans, USA
130. EATRIS, Second EATRIS Conference “Building Bridges in Translational Medicine”, 27-28 May 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
131. PDA, 2015 PDA Europe Conference, “Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products”, 2-3 June 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
132. Gordon Research Conference “Exploring Innovations in Tissue Repair and Regeneration: From Bench to Therapies”, 7-12 June 2015, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH, USA
133. XIV SICSSO Congress “Endothelial Keratoplasty: DSAEK or DMEK?”, 25-27 June 2015, Lecce, Italy
134. Interdisciplinary Center for Neurosciences (IZN)-Neurobiologie, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Retreat on “Translational Neuroscience: from Cell Biology to Therapeutics”, 19-20 July 2015, Heidelberg, Germany
135. Sun Yatsen University, Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center, “Biannual Meeting of International Society of Ocular Cell Biology” (ISOCB), August 7-9, 2015, Guangzhou, China

136. EMBO Conference “Cell therapy today: achievements, hopes and hypes”, 9-13 September 2015, Manchester, UK
137. Turkish Stem Cell Society, 2nd International Stem Cell Meeting”, 30 September-3 October 2015, Antalya, Turkey
138. Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (FIOCRUZ), Gonçalo Moniz Research Center, “1° FIOCRUZ Workshop on Regenerative Medicine”, 1-2 October 2015, Salvador de Bahia, Brasil
139. German Ophthalmological Society, DOG Meeting “Ocular surface reconstruction State of the art and future concepts”, 1-4 October 2015, Berlin, Germany
140. EMBO Workshop “Stem cell mechanobiology in development and disease”, 18-21 October, Capri, Italy
141. Azienda Ospedaliera San Gerardo, Convegno “Terapie Avanzate: Pratica Clinica e Qualità nella Produzione”, 26 October 2015, Roma, Italy
142. AIFA (Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco), ° PIC/S Expert Circle Meeting on Human Blood, Tissues, Cells & ATMPs”, 28 October 2015, Roma, Italy
143. SOI-ASMOOI (Associazione Sindacale Medici Oculisti ed Ortottisti Italiani), Simposio “Le Cellule Staminali in Oftalmologia: Presente e Futuro”, 25 November 2015, Roma, Italy
144. EATRIS Educational Workshop on “ATMP development”, 26-27 November 2015, Palermo, Italy
145. Azienda Ospedaliera San Giovanni Addolorata & S.I.TRA.C, “Le Cellule Staminali in Oftalmologia: Presente e Futuro”, 12 December 2015, Roma, Italy
146. XX Congresso Nazionale SITRAC, Simposio “Cellule Staminali e Ustioni Oculari: il nuovo traguardo della Ricerca Clinica”, 25 February 2016, Rimini
147. Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency & The Japanese Society for Regenerative Medicine, “International Regulatory Forum of Human Cell Therapy and Gene Therapy Products”, 16 March 2016, Osaka, Japan
148. ARVO, 2016 Annual Meeting, Minisimposia on “Cornea Regeneration”, 1-5 May 2016, Seattle, USA
149. Novo Nordisk Foundation & Danish Stem Cell Center (DanStem), “The Stem Cell Niche – Development and Disease” Conference, Bi-Annual Copenhagen Bioscience Conference, 22-26 May 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark
150. ECRD 2016, 8th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products, 26-28 May 2016, Edinburgh, UK
151. Christian Medical College, Centre for Stem Cell Research, 1st Annual Symposium on Cell and Gene Therapy, 5-6 August 2016, Vellore, India
152. The Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association, 64th Annual TNOA Conference, 5-7 August 2016, Vellore, India
153. Gordon Research Conference 2016, “Tissue Niches & Resident Stem Cells in Adult Epithelia”, 7-12 August 2016, Hong Kong, China
154. 7th EuCornea Congress, 9-10 September 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark
155. XXXIV ESCRS Congress, Clinical Research Symposium “Stem Cell and the Eye”, 10 September 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark
156. Inaugural Meeting of Hellenic Society of Gene Therapy and Regenerative Medicine, 23-24 September 2016, Thessaloniki, Greece
157. ESGCT-ISSCR-ABCD Stem Cells and Gene Therapy Meeting, 18-21 October 2016, Firenze, Italy
158. International Conference, New Trends in Practical Ophthalmology, 21-22 April 2017, Szczecin, Poland
159. The Biology of Regenerative Medicine Conference, 25-27 April 2017, Cambridge, UK
160. Gordon Research Conference, GRC on Epithelial differentiation and keratinization, “Epithelial interactions in development, homeostasis, disease and therapy”, 7-12 May 2017, Lucca, Italy

161. Accademia Pontificia Lateranense, Workshop of “Patient’s Need and Regulatory Medicine Agencies”, 23 June 2017, Roma, Italy
162. Canadian Ophthalmological Society, COS 2017 Annual Meeting, 15-18 June 2017, Montréal, Canada
163. EACPT, 13th Congress of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 24-27 June 2017, Prague, Czech Republic
164. EATRIS Translational Medicine Conference, 24-26 September 2017, Prague, Czech Republic
165. Friends of Europe, State of Europe high-level Roundtable, 11-12 October 2017, Bruxelles, Belgium
166. Nature Conferences, “Regeneration”, 16-18 November 2017, Milano, Italy
167. Gordon Research Conference, Cornea & Ocular Surface Biology & Pathology Conference, 18-23 February 2018, Ventura, CA, USA
168. Netherlands Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (NVGCT) 2018 Spring Symposium, 15-16 March 2018, Lunteren, The Netherlands
169. Università Roma Tor Vergata, “Frontiers in Genito-Urinary Reconstruction, Updates, Tissue Engineering and Penile Transplant”, 13 -14 April 2018, Roma, Italy
170. AUA (American Urological Association), 2018 Annual Meeting, 17-21 May 2018, San Francisco, USA
171. International Society for Stem Cell Research, 2018 ISSCR Annual Meeting, 20-23 June 2018, Melbourne, Australia
172. 13th YES Meeting, Young European Scientist Meeting, 13-16 September 2018, Porto, Portugal
173. Congress BIO2018, International Congress of the Polish Biochemical Society and Polish Cell Biology, 18-21 September 2018, Gdansk, Polonia
174. 4th ITRUST Futurology Meeting, 26-28 September 2018, Roma, Italy
175. 14th AOPT Meeting, Next Generation Ocular Therapeutics, 7-10 March 2019, New Orleans (USA)
176. European Association of Urology, 34th Annual EAU Congress (EAU19), 15-19 March 2019, Barcelona, Spain
177. Swedish Center for Advanced Medicinal Products (CAMP), 2nd Swedish National Conference on Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products, 4 April 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden
178. Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS), EU Chapter 2019 Meeting, 27-31 May 2019, Rhodes, Greece
179. SCR, X Meeting Stem Cell Research Italy, 5-7 June 2019, Napoli, Italy
180. Federation of European Biochemical Societies, 44th FEBS Congress, “From molecules to Living Systems”, 6-11 July 2019, Krakow, Poland
181. European Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons, 37th Congress of the ESCRS, 14 September 2019, Paris, France
182. European Society of Organ Transplantation, ESOT Congress 2019 “Inspiring minds, Driving progress”, 15-18 September 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark
183. New York Stem Cell Foundation, NYSCF 2019 Conference, 22-23 October 2019, New York, USA
184. ISSCR’s International Symposium Series, “From Stem Cell Biology to New Therapies”, 6-8 November 2019, Toronto, Canada
185. FEAM European Biomedical Policy Forum, Workshop on “Regenerative Medicine: Scientific Advances and Regulatory Framework in Europe”, 27 November 2019, Bruxelles, Belgium
186. 60th Annual Meeting of the Ophthalmological Society of Taiwan, 13-15 December 2019, Taipei, Taiwan
187. DIA Europe, EU Regulatory Town Hall meeting, 17 March 2020, Bruxelles, Belgium – CANCELLED

188. SWElife-ATMP, Centre for Advanced Medical Products (CAMP), ATMP Conference, 1-2 April 2020, Stockholm, Sweden – CANCELLED
189. Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS), EU Chapter 2020 Meeting, Manchester, UK, 24-29 May 2020 (Remote)
190. London Tech Week, European Tech Women Award, London, 4 September 2020 (Remote)
191. Inflammatory Bowel Disease, III Edition, 22 January 2021, Verona, Italy
192. ATMP Sweden, ATMP Virtual World Tour, “hospital exemption and commercialization of ATMPs”, 29 April 2021
193. ATMP Sweden, ATMP World Tour Program, 26-30 of April 2021 (remote)
194. \*LIVE\* ATMP world tour April 29, 2021
195. ARVO 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, SIG Session (Special Interest Group) entitled “The effect of ocular surface microenvironment on epithelial stem cells: translational implications”, 06 May 2021
196. ISCT 2021 New Orleans Virtual, Session V on “Tissue Engineering and regenerative Meeting”, 28 May 2021
197. AST (American Transplant Society) – TERMIS Webinar Series to share knowledge and to foster progress on organ bioengineering, towards the vision of regenerative medicine offering solutions for the future of organ transplantation, 2 June 2021
198. Centre for Stem cell Research Vellore, 6th Annual Cell and Gene Therapy Symposium (Virtual), 1-3 September, 2021 (remote)
199. World Conference of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, TERMIS, November 15-19th 2021 (remote)
200. Expo Dubai 2020, Personalized Medicine: New tools and active polices for prevention, diagnosis and therapy, 27-28 January 2022, Dubai, UAE
201. Gordon Research Conference, GRS-GRC 2022 on “Cornea and Ocular Surface Biology, Pathology and Regeneration”, February 13-18, 2022, Ventura (California) (TO BE RESCHEDULED)
202. Limbal Stem Cells Symposium, 24-26 March 2022, Prof. Graziella Pellegrini (remote)
203. University of Aveiro (Portugal), International Webinars on Topics on Cell and Tissue Engineering (CTEng), 2° Edition, 17 June 2022 (remote)
204. 2022 TERMIS-EU conference, Award Cerimony, 28 June 2022, Krakow, Poland
205. European Society of Medicine, 2022 ESMED General Assembly, 4-6 August 2022 (remote)
206. Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Open Doors , 10 September 2022, Verona, Italy
207. European Tissue Repair Society, ETRS 2022 Annual Meeting, 15-17 September 2022, Lyon, France
208. Award ceremony of Louis Jeantet, Geneve, October 11, 2022
209. GISM annual meeting, Turin October 21, 2022
210. Cells, Cells and Nothing but Cells: Discoveries, Challenges and Directions, Online international meeting Part of the International Online Conference on Cells series, 6–8 Mar 2023
211. XX Anniversary Lund University International Meeting, Lund 17-19 April 2023
212. Stem Cell Network Meeting, Aachen 16-17 May 2023
213. International Society for Cell & Gene Therapy (ISCT) Meeting Paris May 31- June 3 2023
214. International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) Meeting, Boston June 12-18 2023
215. BIO 2023 Meeting, Szczecin 13-16 September 2023
216. STUEMO 2023, Oct 13-14 Parma, Italy
217. AIFA Days 2023, Oct 19-20 2023, Modena, Italy
218. UKRMP Showcase Event, Edinburgh, November 8-10 2023
219. Update Technology in Urology, Nov 30 – Dec 3 2023, Rome
220. ATMP (Release criteria)
221. Webinar CTRMS, Feb 29, 2024 Montreal

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## GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

- 2003-2005 Coordinator of project “Corneal Epithelial Stem cells culture and Transplantation” funded by Istituto Superiore di Sanità
- 2004-2007 Contractor of project “CORNEA-ENGINEERING – Three dimensional reconstruction of human corneas by tissue engineering” funded by European Community (EU, FP6-2002-NMP n. 504017)
- 2004-2006 Coordinator of project “Correction of genetic defects of macular corneal dystrophy type II in patients with corneal opacity” Funded by Veneto Region
- 2004-2008 Co-coordinator of project “Tissue repair by in vitro cultured conjunctival epithelium and clinical application” Funded by IDI Farmaceutici S.p.A. and MIUR
- 2004-2005 Coordinator of project “Treatment of bilateral limbal stem cell deficiency with cultured epidermal cell grafts on patients with no therapeutic alternatives” funded by Rome Bank Foundation
- 2006-2008 Contractor of the project “Ocular surface reconstruction in chemically burnt patients by cultured conjunctival graft” funded by National program on oriented research
- 2006 Co-Coordinator of the project “Tissue repair by conjunctival epithelium reconstruction in vitro and clinical application” funded by Padova e Rovigo Bank Foundation
- 2007-2009 Coordinator of the project “Corneal organotypic culture and diagnosis of blindness related to deep corneal lesions” funded by National program on oriented research for Veneto Region
- 2007-2009 Coordinator of the project “ Diagnosis and treatment of blindness due to bilateral total limbal stem cell deficiency” funded by by National program on oriented research for Alto Adige Region (RF-PAB-2006-344265)
- 2009-2011 Contractor of the project “Nerve growth factor (NGF) as a main actor in the activation/recruitment of ocular surface stem cells: in vitro and in vivo studies”, funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Roma
- 2009-2011 Coordinator of the PRIN project “Utilizzo di nanotecnologie e medicina rigenerativa per la ricostruzione dell’uretra umana per il trattamento di stenosi uretrali recidivanti” (2008JJTFCW-001)
- 2011-2015 Contractor of the project Bio-COMET “Bioreactor-based, clinically oriented manufacturing of engineered tissues” Funded by European community (278807-FP7-HEALTH)
- 2012 Contractor of the project Bio-Trachea “Biomaterials for tracheal replacement in age-related cancer via a humanly engineered airway” Funded by European community (280584 FP7-NMP-2011-SMALL-5)
- 2013 Contractor of the project “ENDOMATRIX – Development of an engineered eNDOchondral extracellular MATRIX for bone regeneration” finanziato dall’Unione Europea (E!7865)
- 2015 PI of the project “Investigation of Nerve Growth Factor (NGF) effects on Rabbit ocular epithelial cell cultures”
- 2016 PI of the 3 years project “Medicina Rigenerativa dell’uretra”
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