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- Sassari (1985-89)
- Pisa (1990-91)
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Societies: President, Italian Society for Medical Microbiology (2001-05). Member of: Società Italiana di Microbiologia Medica (SIM), Associazione Microbiologi Clinici Italiani (AMCLI); American Society for Microbiology (ASM); NIH Alumni Association (NIHAA); Publication Officer, Steering Committee "Viruses in Diabetes International Study" (VIDIS group).

Current research: role of chronic enterovirus infections in the post-polio syndrome and insulin-dependent diabetes.

Publications: over 170 scientific publications (ISI-Thomson-indexed journals: 106; Monographs and book chapters: 24; Journals not indexed in Medline: 50). Published meeting abstracts: >200. Citations: 2904, Cited Publications: 215, Hirsch-index: 31.