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CVs of invited speakers



Egill Boccanera
Lumsa University, Rome

Egill is currently Head of the Area of Internationalisation, Research, Third Mission and Fund Raising at LUMSA University in Rome where he coordinates the activities of the International Relations Office and of the Scientific Research Office. The Office key activities concern the promotion of LUMSA as well as the enhancement of the internationalization and positioning of LUMSA in European and international contexts. He has been collaborating with the European Commission since 2013, acting as expert and Vice-Chair in the evaluation exercise of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions, both in FP7 and in Horizon 2020 (his focus has been on MSC Actions such as Individual Fellowships, Innovative Training Networks, Researchers' Night). He has previously worked as Head of the International Relations Office at Milan State University and as Multicultural Attaché at the Royal Danish Embassy in Rome where he assisted the Permanent Representative of Denmark at the United Nations Agencies (FAO, WFP and IFAD) based in Rome.



Ciro Franco
La Sapienza University, Rome

Ciro is currently Head of Research Support Office at Sapienza University of Rome, which provides research and training services to researchers on European R&I projects. Since 2016 he has been member of the Board of Directors of APRE, the Agency for the Promotion of European Research. Since 2007 he has been expert and vice chair, on behalf of the European Commission, in evaluation panels of R&I projects (in particular in the various sub-programs of Horizon 2020, such as MSCA, Science With and For Society, etc.). 2012-2014: Head of the Technology Transfer Office at the Politecnico di Milano. 2014-2016: Head of the Directorate Promotion and enhancement of research at OGS (National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics). 2015-2017: member of the Commission for the evaluation of the Third Mission of Italian universities and public research centers, on behalf of ANVUR, National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research.





Chiara Mezzalira
Communications Office, University of Padua

Chiara works as Web and Social Media manager and is a Web Content Specialist, editor and writer at the Communication Office of the University of Padua. Chiara contributes as a journalist for the University of Padua online magazine, *Il Bo Live*. She mainly writes about history, art, architecture and issues having an international impact and relevance. Chiara holds a PhD in Architecture from the University of Venice (IUAV) and spent some time studying and conducting research at the University of Manchester, UK and at the University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A. Chiara enjoyed teaching and conducting research while at the University of Venice (IUAV) before starting her career at Unipd to focus on both her passion for writing and her “American” studies in web and computer graphics. She manages the *Appuntamenti* (Events) column of *Il Bo Live* and collaborates in the organization of Unipd events. She is a member of the Communication Team within the Arqus Erasmus+ international alliance, involving partners from seven European Universities.



Antonio Opromolla
Lecturer of Visual and Digital Media Culture and Digital Transformation,
Expert for Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Antonio teaches Visual and Digital Media Culture and Digital Transformation. He graduated in Digital Communication at La Sapienza University of Rome, where he also worked as a research fellow. He was awarded a PhD in Interaction Design at ISIA Roma Design, Design Institute. He takes part in many European projects focused on civic engagement and open government, applying the methodologies and tools of design thinking and of urban interaction design. He organizes events on the application of new technologies in urban contexts. He is also a reviewer for some international scientific journals on human-interaction design. He is an evaluator for European projects under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme (MSCA and SC6 proposals).





**Francesco Suman,
Free-lance science journalist**

Francesco collaborates with Il Bo Live, Nature Italy, MicroMega, Il Tascabile and other online and printed magazines. He has a PhD in philosophy of biology earned at the Department of Biology of the University of Padua in 2017. His PhD thesis was on the evolution of human language and cumulative culture. His training in philosophy of science brings him to pay particular attention to issues related to the scientific method. With written articles, video interviews and public conferences, he explores the relationships between science and society (a topic whose importance the Covid-19 pandemics has abruptly uncovered), with a particular interest in biology and evolution, climate change, environmental issues, the energetic transition, technological innovation, science perception among the general public and the decision makers, fake news and misinformation.



**Marco Toffanin,
Digital Learning and Multimedia Office, University of Padua**

Marco is in charge of the multimedia unit at the Digital Learning and Multimedia Office at Unipd. Along the years, he has focused on multimedia production in the area of education, research and communication. He has been creating hundreds of multimedia contents and wrote several scientific articles on the matter. He teaches *Multimedia Communication* in graduate courses at the University of Padua.



CVs of speakers from the Unipd International Research Office



Francesca Mura
Head of Office

Francesca is Head of the International Research Office at the University of Padua. She coordinates the working groups (Individual Projects Unit, Collaborative Projects Unit and EU_Research_Hub@Unipd Unit) that assist researchers in accessing international funds and especially funding opportunities offered by the European Horizon Framework Programmes.

The research support services which she manages are addressed to individual researchers as well as research teams and cover the pre-award / post-award phase, as well the proposal writing activity. She is responsible for the implementation of specific programmes promoted by the University of Padua, financing excellent individual research projects and training initiatives dedicated to PhD candidates, researchers and staff members. Prior to her current appointment, she has been managing both research projects at specific University Departments as well as mobility programmes and joint degree courses. In 2019 she completed a post-graduate course in Management of Research, Innovation and Technology at the Milan Polytechnic.



Viviana Gialain,
Head of Unit, Individual Grants

Viviana is Head of the Individual Grants Unit of the International Research Office. The Unit support individual researchers wishing to apply for international funding, such as the European Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and ERC funding schemes as well as grant opportunities offered by International foundations. She coordinates specific calls for the recruitment of promising researchers at the University of Padua (Talent@Unipd, MSCA Seal of Excellence@Unipd, Stars Grants). Her working group promotes the training of researchers at every step of their career and fosters the implementation of the Charter of Researchers and of the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R).

Viviana has a 19 year experience in supporting the submission and management of projects financed by European funds (e.g. European Social Fund, 7th Framework Programme, Horizon 2020 - ERC and MSCA); she acts as speaker and trainer at events and workshops on international funding opportunities for individual researchers and courses on project management for administrative staff. She is involved in the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers at the University of Padua acting as an evaluator for the European Commission.





Ilaria Rodella
Research Advisor

A career split between practice in research and research management from 2010, dealing with the effort of conceptualizing an idea and finding the way to finance it. Ilaria works as a Research Advisor at the International Research Office (Unipd) to support the researchers' participation in European funding opportunities. She was awarded a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences at Ferrara University in 2015. During a period as a research fellow in Earth Sciences, she developed her competencies in project planning and management under European and Italian funding schemes. As research and financial manager at the University of Ferrara and University of Bologna, she was involved in the writing, review, and management of several European projects, most of all on environmental and climatic topics. She collaborated with multidisciplinary and inter-sectoral groups, besides private and public bodies such as the Ministry for the Environment and Protection of the Territory and the Sea and the Ministry of Agro-Forestry and Fishery Policies. Since 2019 she has been involved in project proposal design in the PE-Physics and Engineering panel, screening and promoting funding opportunities, organizing information and training events, and writing project proposals. With specific reference to the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions under Horizon 2020, Ilaria has revised more than 100 MSCA - Individual Fellowship proposals.

