

# European curriculum vitae



## Personal information

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## Work experience

Dates

**2003-present**

Occupation or position held

**Food inspector-food fraud prevention: Monitoring and controlling at regional scale the quality and safety of the food chain.**

Main activities and responsibilities

In my present position as food inspector for the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, I coordinate and steer a team involved in food safety & quality control where we perform A-Z activities of the food safety chain process, in particular for those products which are very important and have a key role in the economy of the country (wine, olive oil, cheese, meet products, biologic productions protected designation of origin (PDO), protected geographical indication (PGI).

Audit activities are carried out (review and witness audit) and supervision on Certification Bodies for PDO/PGI agricultural products, foodstuffs, wine and organic products, as the ICQRF regional offices are the Competent Authorities responsible for the delegations given by art. 5 of EC Reg. n. 882/2004 and art. 39 of EC REG. n. 1151/2012.

During inspections, quality of products, origin, traceability and labelling, are assessed. Sample of products are taken in order to verify by chemical analysis the presence of unwanted or forbidden substances. In order to succeed with the job of fraud prevention, we are invested with judiciary police functions, therefore we provide for the imposition of administrative fines on food under state jurisdiction. I frequently work together with other Italian police bodies (Guardia di Finanza, NAS, Corpo Forestale, etc.) to perform extraordinary, critical and complicated inspections. The data and results from my inspection and legislative implementation activities is used at government level to manage, analyse and modify existing legislation and influence policy-making.

Furthermore I am directly responsible for local territorial training and divulgation activities to support local entities to respect and apply regional legislation related to school catering facilities to evaluate the quality and product characteristics of food supplies. In order to succeed a memorandum of understanding between my office and public councils has been carried out and applied.

Name and address of employer

**Ispettorato Centrale per il controllo della qualità e repressione frodi dei prodotti agroalimentari (ICQRF), Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali - Pisa**  
Galleria Gerace, 17  
56100 Pisa

Type of business or sector

Food quality and food safety official controls; food fraud prevention.

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| Dates                                | <b>2001-2003</b>   |
| Occupation or position held          | <b>Agricultural officer at the direct dependence of the Head of Department (Ministry of Agriculture, Rome)</b>   |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <p>The job consisted in giving advice and report directly to the Head of the Department on technical issues related to, GMO, Biological Agriculture, BSE, <i>Codex Alimentare</i> and Fertilizers. The main tasks were writing reports, organising meetings, keeping relations with other public and private organizations, valuating new projects and proposals, participating to internal and external meetings at the EC and Council in Bruxelles and report to the Head.</p> <p>On behalf of the Italian Commissioner, I had the task of following and represent Italy in the “<i>International Whaling Commission</i>” (it is the commission that regulate whales hunting and conservations of whales) in the annual international meetings and in the informal meetings of the “like minded” countries.</p> <p><b>PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS, ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE:</b></p> <p>Secretary of a working group for the evaluation and monitoring of co-existence of traditional and GM crops (DM/2002, Ministero Politiche Agricole e Forestali).</p> <p>Secretary of the experts GMO working group (DM 5/7/2002 Ministero Politiche Agricole e Forestali).</p> <p>Secretary of the working group for the drafting of the Italian law on Biological Agriculture (DM 25/7/2002 Ministero Politiche Agricole e Forestali).</p> <p>Italian representative in the “WG Fertilizers”, at the EC.</p> <p>Member of the Italian delegation at the EC Council for the formulation of a new text of the EC Regulation of fertilizers (EC 2003/2003).</p> <p>Italian Alternate Commissioner, representing Italy in the “International Whaling Commission” and being directly involved in the discussions and approval of Resolution 2003 – 1 The Berlin Initiative on Strengthening the Conservation Agenda of the International Whaling Commission, during the Berlin annual meeting and participation to 5th special meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC), Cambridge, UK (2002) and 54th annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC), Shimonoseki, Japan (2002).</p> <p>Italian Delegation member at the 5th session of “Codex committee on milk and milk products”, Wellington, New Zealand, (2002) where the legal position of protecting the Parmesan generic name (unless in reference to Parmigiano Reggiano DOP-protected designation of origin-product) was discussed and thanks to this meeting and other follow up activities the case was successful</p> |
| Name and address of employer         | <b>Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali – Dipartimento dei prodotti agroalimentari e dei servizi</b> (Dr. Giuseppe Ambrosio) - via XX Settembre, 20 Roma. Italy  |
| Type of business or sector           | Technical Secretary for the Head of Department for quality of Agro-food (GMO, Biological Agriculture, BSE, <i>Codex Alimentare</i> , Fertilizers,)   |
| Dates                                | <b>2000-2002</b>   |
| Occupation or position held          | <b>Consultant under special service agreement for Integrated plant nutrition management, FAO - Land and Plant Nutrition Management Service, Rome</b>   |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <p>In the framework of the FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme, FNPP1 was directly involved for the publication “<i>Technical overview of practices that build up and maintain good levels of soil organic matter and soil biodiversity for sustainable agriculture in different agro-ecological zones/farming systems</i>” in order to promote sustainable agriculture under integrated participatory approach for an improved soil management.</p> <p>Realisation of a study of commercially available organic fertilizers and water retaining products and creation of an Access on-line database.</p> <p>Review and compilation of country profile data on plant nutrient use collected from 12 African and Caribbean countries;</p>   |
| Name and address of employer         | <b>FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - AGLL Land and Plant Nutrition Management Service</b> (Dr. R. Roy) –Via delle Terme di Caracalla, Roma, Italy  |

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| Type of business or sector           | Integrated plant nutrition management/GMO/Biodiversity   |
| Dates                                | <b>1998-2000</b>   |
| Occupation or position held          | <b>Fellowship for research on plant nutrition</b>  |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Activities of research and divulgation for the regulation of fertilizers in accordance with the EC Directive 76/116. A census of more than 2000 fertilizers present on the national market was performed. Experiments for the comparison between traditional and organic fertilization are carried out in experimental fields.<br><br>Production of an atlas illustrating the potential indicators for soil quality, with the aim of monitoring natural resources for the optimization of sustainable agricultural production; in particular we consider organic matter as indicator of loss of fertility, desertification, loss of structure of soil. |
| Name and address of employer         | <b>Istituto Sperimentale per la Nutrizione delle Piante, Via della Navicella, 2 Roma</b> (Prof. Paolo Sequi)   |
| Type of business or sector           | Plant nutrition/soil quality assessment  |

## Education and training

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| Dates  | <b>Trim Ireland: 23-27/01/2017</b>   |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | <b>Training course on Food Additives, Flavouring &amp; Enzymes</b>   |
| Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered                 | The objective of this course is to inform regulatory and control authorities about the new approach enacted for the evaluation, authorisation and control of food additives, flavourings and enzymes. The final aim is ensuring a common understanding of the regulations on food improvement agents and introducing the major changes to inspectors by practicing during the workshop.<br>This course is focused on practice, it includes many interactive exercises to facilitate the understanding of EU legislation and of its key principles such as the carry-over, Quantum Satis, specific calculations needed for enforcement purposes (e.g. ingoing nitrites/nitrates amounts). It provides also a ground for practicing on inspection procedures and labelling controls through field visits organised in food businesses using or producing additives.<br><b>EAHC &amp; DG SANCO</b> of the EU - Better Training for Safer Food initiative. |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training |  |
| Dates  | <b>Madrid Spain: 6-11/04/2014</b>  |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | <b>Training course on Food composition and Information.</b>  |
| Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered                 | The course is aimed at spreading knowledge and best practice and share experiences in order to increase the level of expertise with regards to food labelling, nutrition and health claims, food supplements, fortified food and dietetic foods.<br><b>EAHC &amp; DG SANCO</b> of the EU - Better Training for Safer Food initiative.  |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training |  |
| Dates  | <b>Milan, Italy: 16-19/12/2013 and Bristol, UK: 19-23/01/2013</b>  |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | <b>Training on the Legislation, Certification and Control of EU PDO, PGI and Organic Agriculture - Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs.</b>   |
| Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered                 | EU Legal Framework for the protected geographical indications and Organic Agriculture.; European experience on protection of PDO/PGI and Organic Agriculture; the objectives of controls and certification of PDOs, PGIs and OA: the relevant EU legal framework; overview of International Standards for certification; product and foodstuff certification and Control; Supervision of Certification Bodies by the CA; Control plans (By Competent Authority and Control Body) and fraudulent practices; Controls on productions, distributions and transport.<br><b>EAHC &amp; DG SANCO</b> of the EU - Better Training for Safer Food initiative.  |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training |  |
| Dates  | <b>Rome, Mipaaf 03-06/05/2010</b>  |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | <b>Intensive training course on audit on Quality Scheme products: PDO, PGI and TSG.</b>  |
| Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered                 | EU and national legal framework for the protected geographical indications and traditional specialities, Supervision of Certification Bodies by the ICQRF (CA); Control plans (By ICQRF) and fraudulent practices; Controls on productions, distributions and transport.   |

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

Formez- Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali - Ispettorato Centrale per il controllo della qualità dei prodotti agroalimentari, Fiuggi (Roma) .

Dates

**SDA BOCCONI Milan, 01-03/1998**

Title of qualification awarded

**Post-graduate intensive course in Business Administration.**

Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered

Main course of study: Basic Marketing, Economics and Management, Human Resources management, Issues in agri-business management and others.

Dates

**University of Pisa 11/1991-12/1997**

Title of qualification awarded

**Hons Degree in Agricultural Science**, graduated with full marks (110/110 cum laude) and distinction

Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered

Agricultural science, agronomy, biology, plant chemistry, food processor, plant nutrition, microbiology, agricultural economics, ecology, etc (36 courses successfully attended)

Level in national or international

Honours degree (5 years degree)

Dates

**University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK): 1993-1994**

Title of qualification awarded

**Third year of university studies, under the Erasmus Program fellowship**, where successfully attended 10 courses, obtaining the admission to the third year of the "BSc in Agricultural and Environmental Science".

Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered

Microbiology, soil science, entomology, ecology, agronomy, etc.

Level in national or international cl.

2<sup>nd</sup> year of BSc in agricultural science, admission to 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Personal skills and competences**

Mother tongue(s)

**Italian**

Self-assessment

| Understanding      |                    | Speaking           |                    | Writing            |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Listening          | Reading            | Spoken interaction | Spoken production  |                    |
| C2 Proficient user | C2 Proficient user | C2 Proficient user | C1 Proficient user | C1 Proficient user |

European level (\*)

**English**

(\*) Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Social skills and competences

Excellent public relations skills in multicultural environments. I have had the opportunity to work and to be in contact with different cultural environments: in FAO working with people from all over the world and for the Ministry of Agriculture travelling abroad, participating in international meetings and commissions. Also in all my extra professional activities I developed a strong capability to communicate with other people, establishing very good interpersonal relations. I have been the parents representative in my 3 children's schools for several years and the parents representative for the school catering service facilities.

Organisational skills and competences

My 15 years career to date that ranges from research, to development, to implementation of policies, regulation and legislation and currently the end-user and productive side, has given me a 360° vision of the food quality and safety sector. I have excellent organisational skills and competences acquired in different professional environments: as secretary of the head of Department in the Ministry of Agriculture I learned how to work under pressure and how to organise meetings and travelling. I was invested with the power and responsibility of being the Italian delegate in many international commissions.

Technical skills and competences

During my work in the Italian public sector, I have had the opportunity to understand and experience the comprehensive and integrated approach that is necessary to ensure food safety. In my position at the Italian Ministry of Agriculture in Rome from 2000 to 2003, I represented Italy as an Alternate Commissioner and Member of the Italian delegation on a series of Commissions which has served to enrich both my professional and personal qualities. Over the past 10 years I have been directly involved in official control on quality scheme products (PGO/PDO and organic agricultural products) and of regional public school catering facilities ensuring that the companies awarded public tenders provide the outlined service and follow the stringent quality control and respect the legal aspects. My role also includes training public officers to correctly interpret the guidelines and indications and follow a series of indications to enforce the terms of contract. In my role as working group expert for the EC and my participation to numerous meetings at both the EC & the European Council, I was in a position to understand and contribute to the European Union activities on food safety as a whole. Working as an EC policy officer, I would like to be directly involved in establishing food safety as the primary objective of EU food law and closely follow its implementation. At the moment I am appointed by the EC for evaluation of H2020 projects as independent expert, undertaking remote and consensus evaluation in Bruxelles.

Computer skills and other competences

Word processing, Excel, Access, PowerPoint for Windows, Internet, Outlook, Skype, Frontpage.Sports: skiing, sailing, swimming, member of Scout, School parents representative for food service. EU driving licence