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LS5 Neuroscience and Neural Disorders
LS5_7 Neurological disorders (e.g. neurodegenerative diseases, seizures)
LS5_9 Neurotrauma and neurovascular conditions (including injury, blood-brain barrier, stroke, neurorehabilitation)

Education, training and positions

2018-present: Associate Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, University of Verona
2015-2018: Researcher Researcher T.D (Senior) art. 24 comma 3 lett. A L. 240/2010), University of Verona
2012-2015: Researcher T.D (Junior) art. 24 comma 3 lett. A L. 240/2010), University of Verona
2008-2011: Assistant research Center of Neuromotor and Cognitive Rehabilitation (CRRNC), University of Verona
2011: PhD in Neuroscience, University of Verona
2007-present: Medical Doctor, Rehabilitation Unit AOUI Di Verona, University of Verona.
2007: Specialization in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, University of Verona.
2003: Medical degree, University of Parma.

Training in foreign Institutes

Visiting Professor at the Neurological Institute of Saint George's University, London, U.K in 2019 under the supervision of Prof. F. Morgante (research topic: movement disorders)

Current position

2018-present: Associate Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, University of Verona
2008-present: Medical doctor at the Neurorehabilitation Unit, AOUI Verona, Italy

Research and clinical interests

Rehabilitation of gait and balance disorders in patients with neurological disease (Parkinson's disease, Multiple Sclerosis and stroke), Postural abnormalities in Parkinson's disease, Telerehabilitation and Robotics. Pain management in neurorehabilitation.

Bibliometrics

Peer-reviewed publications: author or co-Author of 90 publications.
H-Index Scopus: 23; Number of citations (Scopus): 1547.

Memberships

2009-present: Member of the steering committee of the Italian Society of Neurological Rehabilitation (SIRN)

2020 – present: Member of the Italian Society of Parkinson and Extra-pyramidal Diseases (LIMPE)

2009 – present: Member of the Italian Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (SIMFER)

2012-2017: Member of the European Cost Action IS1208 “COLLABORATION OF APHASIA TRIALISTS (CATS)”. Management Committee member Substitute. Glasgow Caledonian University: Glasgow, Glasgow, GB

2012 - present: Board member of the Collaboration of Aphasia Trialists (CATs)

2015 - present: Board member of the Italian Guidelines ISO-Spread for stroke

2016 - present: Board member of the Italian Consensus Conference on Pain in Neurorehabilitation

2016: Expert member to the content validation of a new clinical scale for the assessment of lateropulsion (CENTRE HOSPITALIER UNIVERSITAIRE DE GRENOBLE POLE DE PSYCHIATRIE, NEUROLOGIE ET REEDUCATION NEUROLOGIQUE), Promoter and coordinator of multicenter studies Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Grenoble: Grenoble, FR.

Collaborations with Journals

Member of the Editorial Board of Frontiers of Neurology, Neurorehabilitation.

Referee of different Journals.

Scientific collaborations with research institutes

- St George’s, University of London, Atkinson Morley Regional Neuroscience Center, London, UK

- Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, University of Haifa, Haifa (Israele)- Prof. Naomi Josman

- The Neurorehabilitation Science Collaborative funded by the James S. McDonnell Foundation 21st Century Science Initiative in Cognitive Rehabilitation - Collaborative Award (# 220020413).

- IRCCS Istituto di Neurologia Fondazione “C. Mondino”, Università di Pavia

- European Cost Action IS1208 “COLLABORATION OF APHASIA TRIALISTS (CATS)”. Management Committee member Substitute. http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/isch/IS1208?management

Chair and Director of Events and Courses at the University of Verona

- Scientific secretary in 5 national conferences of the Italian Society of Neurological Rehabilitation (SIRN)

- Scientific Secretary of the "European Summer School on and balance and balance rehabilitation in neurological disease" Collegio Fratelli Cairoli, 8-12 September 2014, Pavia (Italy)

- Scientific Secretary International Teaching course “Cognitive Rehabilitation Optimizing Cognitive Performance and Everyday Function” - Prof. Joan Togli. June 3rd 2015 Policlinico G.B. Rossi Lente Didattica Room B, Verona (Italy).

-A.A. 2016/2017 – present: Director of the “Educatore Esperto in Disabilità Sensoriale e Multifunzionale” Università di Verona.

Recent Funded Projects

2020-2021: Brain Research Verona Foundation: 12.000 Euro “Outcomes of a rehabilitation-based program for patients with functional motor disorders on non-motor and motor symptoms.”- Principal Investigator

2019-2021: Cariverona Foundation: 260.000 Euro, “Effects of education and neuromotor rehabilitation in patients with Parkinson’s Disease and their caregivers”- Research Unit member

2020-2022: Joint Project University of Verona: 50.000 Euro, “Virtual Reality Rehabilitation of Patients with Functional Motor Disorders” Research Unit member

Teaching/faculty activity

From 2012-present: professor, Master's degree in Rehabilitation Science in Healthcare Professions, Faculty of Medicine, University of Verona, Italy

From 2013 - present: Professor, Master's degree in Social Work and Social Policies, University of Verona, Italy

From 2014– present: Professor, Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Verona, Italy

Congress Activity

Speaker in national and international congresses.

Mother tongue: Italian

Other language: English