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1. PERSONAL HISTORY

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Current position

Professor of Physiology, Università Politecnica delle Marche

Education

1980	M.D. Degree
1974-1980	University of Ancona School of Medicine
1969-1974	Liceo Classico G. Perticari, Senigallia, Italy; (Advanced School of Humanistic and Liberal Arts).

2. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2012 - present	Director, Center for Neurobiology of Aging, National Institute of Health and Science on Aging (IRCCS), Ancona
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2010 - 2018	Lecturer on Physiology; School of Medicine, Vita-Salute University/San Raffaele Hospital (HSR), Milano
1998	Visiting Professor; Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 (USA)
1994 - present	Full Professor, Human Physiology, University of Ancona School of Medicine, Ancona, Italy
1992	Visiting Professor; Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of California at Los Angeles; Los Angeles, CA 90024 (USA)
1988	Visiting Professor; Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 (USA)
1986-1993	Senior Assistant Professor; Institute of Human Physiology, University of Ancona School of Medicine, Ancona (Italy)
1985-1986	Post-doctoral fellow; Department of Anatomy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514 (USA)
1983-1986	Assistant Professor, Institute of Human Physiology, University of Ancona School of Medicine, Ancona (Italy)

3. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Research Interests

Cerebral cortex; anatomical and molecular organization of glutamatergic and GABAergic synapses; plasma membrane and vesicular transporters; cortical plasticity; neuropsychiatric diseases.

Committees and Panels

Member, INSERM-CNRS ATIP-Avenir Panel (Neurosciences and Disorders of the nervous system), 2019-present
 Chairman, Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, Università Politecnica delle Marche, 2018-2021
 Past-President, Italian Society for Neuroscience, 2018-2019
 Member, Governing Council of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), 2016-2017
 Member, Governing Council of the Federation of European Societies of Neuroscience (FENS), 2016-2017
 Member, European Dana Alliance for the Brain (EDAB) 2016-2017
 President, Italian Society for Neuroscience, 2016-2017
 Chairman, Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, Università Politecnica delle Marche, 2015-2018
 Member, Executive Committee of the Council of Physiology Professors, 2015-2018
 Member, International Scientific Council, European Brain Research Institute (EBRI), 2014-present
 President Elect, Italian Society for Neuroscience (SINS), 2014-2015.
 Member, Executive Committee of the Council of Physiology Professors, 2012-2015
 Member, SINS Committee on Neuroethics, 2010-2012.
 Member, Search Committee, Italian Society for Neuroscience, 2007.
 Member, History of Neuroscience Committee of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), 2005-present.
 Chairman, Department of Neuroscience, Università Politecnica delle Marche, 2003-2007.
 Coordinator, PhD Program in Neuroscience of the Università Politecnica delle Marche, 2003-2012.

Member, Board of the Italian Physiological Society (SIF), 2000-2002 and 2003-2005.
Member, National Committee for Neurosciences, Ministry of the University and Scientific Research, 2000.
Member, Search Committee, Italian Society for Neuroscience, 1999.
President, Animal Ethical Committee, Università Politecnica delle Marche, 1997–2003.
Member (1992-2000) and President (2000-2003), Scientific Committee of the Library of the Università Politecnica delle Marche.

Honors and Awards

Member, Accademia Marchigiana di Scienze, Lettere e Arti, 2014-present
Member, Centro Nazionale di Studi Leopardiani, 2013-present
Italian Society of Physiology (SIF) Prize for young investigators in physiology, 1990
Accademia Medico-Chirurgica del Piceno Prize for young investigators in biomedical sciences, 1990

Publications in international refereed journals

- Baliotti M, Giuli C, Casoli T, Fabbietti P, Conti F (2019) Is plasma BDNF a useful biomarker to monitor MCI patients? *Submitted*.
- Fattorini G, Ripoli C, Cocco S, Spinelli M, Mattera A, Grassi C, Conti F (2019) Glutamate/GABA co-release selectively influences postsynaptic glutamate receptors in mouse cortical neurons. *Under revision*.
- Fattorini G, Catalano M, Melone M, Serpe C, Bassi S, Limatola C, Conti F (2019) Microglial expression of GAT-1 in the cerebral cortex. *Under revision*.
- Gulisano W, Melone M, Ripoli C, Tropea MR, Li Puma DD, Giunta S, Cocco S, Marcotulli D, Origlia N, Palmeri A, Arancio O, Conti F, Grassi C, Puzzo D (2019) Neuromodulatory role of picomolar extracellular A β 42 oligomers on pre- and postsynaptic mechanisms underlying synaptic function and memory. *Journal of Neuroscience*, in press, doi.org/10.1523/JNEUROSCI.0163-19.2019.
- Casoli T, Lisa R, Fabbietti P, Conti F (2019) Analysis of mitochondrial DNA allelic changes in Parkinson's disease: a preliminary study. *Aging Clinical and Experimental Research*, in press.
- Baliotti M, Pugliese A, Fabbietti P, Di Rosa M, Conti F (2019) Aged rats with different performances at environmental enrichment onset display different modulation of habituation and aversive memory. *Neurobiology of Learning and Memory*, 161:83-91.
- Melone M, Ciriachi C, Pietrobon D, Conti F (2018) Heterogeneity of astrocytic and neuronal GLT-1, as revealed by its co-localization with Na⁺/K⁺-ATPase alpha isoforms at cortical excitatory synapses. *Cerebral Cortex*, doi: 10.1093/cercor/bhy203, [Sep 27. Epub ahead of print].
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- Gulisano W, Melone M, Li Puma DD, Tropea MR, Palmeri A, Arancio O, Grassi C, Conti F, Puzzo D (2018) The effect of amyloid- β peptide on synaptic plasticity and memory is influenced by different isoforms, concentrations and aggregation status. *Neurobiology of Aging* 71: 51-60. doi.org/10.1016/j.neurobiolaging.2018.06.025.
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- Baliotti M, Giuli C, Papa R, Fabbietti P, Conti F (2018) Peripheral blood brain-derived neurotrophic factor as biomarker of Alzheimer's disease: are there methodological biases? *Molecular Neurobiology*, 55: 6661-6672. doi.org/10.1007/s12035-017-0866-y.
- Mariotti L, Losi G, Lia A, Melone M, Chiavegato A, Gomez-Gonzalo M, Sessolo M, Bovetti S, Forli A, Zonta M, Reque Marcon I, Pugliese A, Viollet C, Bettler B, Fellin T, Conti F, Carmignoto G (2018) Interneuron-specific signalling evokes distinctive somatostatin-mediated responses in adult cortical astrocytes. *Nature Communications*, 9:82. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-017-02642-6.

- Marcotulli D, Fattorini G, Bragina L, Perugini J, Conti F (2017) Levetiracetam affects differentially presynaptic proteins in rat cerebral cortex. *Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience*, 11:389. doi: 10.3389/fncel.2017.00389.
- Fattorini G, Ciriachi C, Conti F (2017) Few, activity-dependent, and ubiquitous VGLUT1/VGAT terminals in rat and mouse brain. *Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience*, doi.org/10.3389/fncel.2017.00229.
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- “Science & Philosophy: Where are we?”. Physiology and Philosophy: historical perspectives. Pre-Meeting Symposium of the 65th national Congress of the Italian Physiological Society (SIF), Anacapri (I). September 28, 2014.
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- “Perché la sperimentazione animale è necessaria”. Caffè Scientifico Gulliver. Ancona (I). June 3, 2014.
- “Nano-scale localization of GAT-1 and GAT-3 at cortical GABAergic synapses” Glutamate/GABA and neuro-glia-vascular interplay in norm and pathology, Krakow (P). May 23, 2014.
- “La prospettiva neuroscientifica”. I segreti dell’anima: tra neuroscienze e teologia. Teatro delle Muse, Ancona (I). May 6, 2014
- “Scienza e certezza/e”. Oltre il mito della certezza: l’Uomo e la Scienza. XXVIII Convegno Nazionale dell’Istituto di Psicosintesi, Portonovo di Ancona (I). April 26, 2014.
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- “Brain aging and synaptic plasticity”. La diagnostica delle demenze: dalla ricerca alla pratica clinica. INRCA, Ancona (I). December 10, 2013.
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- “Neural plasticity & Brain Aging”. Summer School of the Italian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics. Ancona (I). July 11, 2013.
- “Claude Bernard and the birth of biomedicine”. Keynote Lecture, Young Researchers Meeting, Italian Physiological Society. Anacapri (I), May 21, 2013.
- “The contribution of Claude Bernard to Physiology and Medicine”. The scientific legacy of Claude Bernard. A tribute on the bicentenary of his birth”. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome, May 7, 2013.
- “Cerebral plasticity: from synapses to cognitive enhancement”, BAW Neuroplasticity and Motor Learning, Trieste (I), March 15, 2013.
- “Brain and Environment” BAW, Ancona (I), March 12, 2013.
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- “Commemoration of Tullio Manzoni”, 63rd Meeting of the Italian Pyhysiological Society, Verona (I). September 23, 2012.
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- “The Brain”, BAW, Ancona (I), March 15, 2012.
- “Memory & Forgetting”, LUAS, Senigallia (I). February 2, 2012.
- “Brain Plasticity”. PhiloNeuro Seminar Series, Department of Philosophy, University of Milan, Milano, November 24, 2011.
- “Culture & Research for the Future”. Public Lecture, Serra de' Conti (I), November 16, 2011.
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- “The nature of pain”, Il Dolore: immagini dall'arte, immagini dalla scienza. Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona (I). February 11, 2011.
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- “Neurobiology of schizophrenia: the case of glutamate”, Master in Science Communication, SISSA, Trieste (I), June 21, 2010.
- “Excitatory synapses and cognitive enhancement”, Conference on Neuroethics, Padova (I), May 7, 2010.
- “Religion and Neurosciences”, UAAR Darwin Day, University G. d'Annunzio, Chieti (I). February 18, 2010.
- “What, if anything, is neuroeconomics?”, UniTre, Senigallia (I). January 28, 2010.
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- “Central nervous system plasticity”, School on Neurocognitive rehabilitation, Santa Maria di Leuca (I) June 25, 2009.
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- “Plasticity of the cerebral cortex”, Workshop on Sports rehabilitation, L’Aquila (I). December 12, 2008.
- “Sens inférieurs et expérience esthétique: Spéculations neuroanatomiques”, Institut de France Conference on Inquietudes de la Modernité, Firenze (I). December 6, 2008.
- “Plasticity of the sensorimotor cortex”, International symposium on The organ of the brain, Schio (I). November 14, 2008.
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- “The emerging role of GLT-1 in schizophrenia”, 4th Wierzba Conference on Glutamate in the tripartite synapse: functional and metabolic relations in norm and pathology, Wierzba (Poland). August 26, 2008.
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- “The nature of science”, Forum on Science: Fear or Hope?, Comune di Sassoferrato and Rotary Club, Sassoferrato (I). May 10, 2008.
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- “The emerging role of GLT-1 in schizophrenia”, Campus Bio-Medico University, Rome (I). March 11, 2008.
- “Plasticity of the adult brain”, UniTre, Senigallia (I). January 24, 2008.
- “Neuroethics: A view from the Lab”, International School of Philosophy and History of Biology and Medicine, Nettuno (I). November 5, 2007.
- “The role of the GABA transporter GAT-1 in phasic and tonic inhibition in the cerebral cortex”, IIT (Italian Institute of Technology), Genova (I). July 25, 2007.
- “The emerging role of GLT-1 in schizophrenia”, Symposium on Regulation of neurotransmitter transporters and its functional implications, 7th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience, Melbourne (Australia). July 15, 2007.
- “Towards a neurobiology of economics?”, Department of Economics, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona (I). June 22, 2007.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: A role for GLT-1?”, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Università of Genova, Genova (I). March 8, 2007.
- “The emerging role of GLT-1 in schizophrenia”, Università Vita & Salute, San Raffaele Hospital, Milan (I). January 29, 2007.
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- “E.J. Marey: the art of movement”, Neuroscience Café at the Antico Caffè San Marco, Trieste (I). November 9, 2006.
- “Neuroethics: An introduction”, Workshop on Bioethics, Ancona (I). November 7, 2006.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: A role for GLT-1?”, Brain Mind Institute, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne (Switzerland). September 27, 2006.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: A role for GLT-1?”, Conference on Molecular Basis of Neurological and Psychiatric Diseases, Martin (SK). September 9, 2006.

- “Glutamatergic transmission and schizophrenia”, Conference on Neuroscience and Psychiatry, Turin (I). June 14, 2006.
- ”Scientific research as a mean of dialogue between peoples and cultures”, University of Ancona and European Community Conference on Europe for citizens, *Ancona (I)*. May 10, 2006.
- “Heterogeneity of glutamatergic and GABAergic axon terminals in cerebral cortex”, Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, University of Pisa, Pisa (I). April 28, 2006.
- “Novel aspects of the neurobiology of schizophrenia” SISSA Colloquium (International School for Advanced Studies), Trieste (I). February 3, 2006.
- “The role of synaptic plasticity in brain cognitive functions”, Department of Philosophy, Third University of Rome, Rome (I). December 21, 2005.
- “Habituation: a neurophysiological perspective” Department of Philosophy, University of Cassino, Cassino (I). October 19, 2005.
- “Organization and molecular characterization of glutamatergic and GABAergic axon terminals in the cerebral cortex”, Symposium on Emerging aspects in synaptic physiology, National meeting of the Italian Physiological Society, Ischia (I). October 1, 2005.
- “Localization of SNAT1 and SNAT2 in the cerebral cortex”, 3rd Wierzba Conference on Glutamate in CNS metabolism and neurotransmission: interactions at the inter- and intracellular level, Wierzba (Poland). August 30, 2005.
- “Reorganizational plasticity in the cerebral cortex”, Workshop on Repair processes in rehabilitation, Gavinana (I). May 27, 2005
- “The input of the neurosciences to the body-mind relationship”, Conference on Believing in God on the path of Science, Ancona (I). December 4, 2004.
- “Taking up too much glutamate at cortical synapses...may be harmful”, 6th INBB Meeting, Naples (I). November 6, 2004.
- “Heterogeneity of axon terminals expressing VGLUT1 in the cerebral cortex”, Symposium on Physiology of the Presynapse: from molecules to plasticity, 55th Meeting of the Italian Physiological Society, Pisa (I). October 5, 2004.
- “Mind/Body vs. Mind/Brain: The viewpoint of the neurosciences”, CNR Institute for the history of modern philosophical and scientific culture, Naples (I). September 17, 2004.
- “Glutamate transporters and schizophrenia”, Joint Italy-Israel Meeting in Neurosciences, Eilat (Israel). December 14, 2003.
- “Glutamate transporters: localization and possible implications for schizophrenia”, Institute of Physiological Sciences, University of Urbino, Urbino (I). April 29, 2003.
- “Claude Bernard”, Neuroscience Café at the Antico Caffè San Marco, Trieste (I). April 10, 2003.
- “Glutamate & Schizophrenia: New answers for an old question?”, (International School for Advanced Studies), Trieste (I). April 10, 2003.
- “GABA transporters: Localization, development and possible role in cerebral ischemia”, Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, University of Pisa, Pisa (I). April 1, 2003.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: New answers for an old question?”, Department of Neurosciences, University of Naples Federico II, Naples (I). March 28, 2003.
- “Increased GLT-1 expression in the prefrontal cortex of schizophrenics”, Juan March Conference on “Synaptic Dysfunction & Schizophrenia”, Madrid (Spain). February 12, 2003.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: New answers for an old question?”, Department of Neurosciences, Mario Negri Institute, Milan (I). January 31, 2003.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: New answers for an old question?” Institute of Human Physiology, University of Parma, Parma (I). December 17, 2002.
- “A role for GABA transporters in the pathophysiology of cerebral ischemia?”, 10th meeting of the Italian Society of Clinical Hemorheology, Emoreologia Clinica, L’Aquila (I). November 15, 2002.
- “Glutamate & schizophrenia: the emerging role of transporters”, Jacques Monod Conference, Anglet (France). June 10, 2002.
- “GABA transporters and the pathophysiology of cerebral ischemia”, Department of Biomedical technologies, University of L’Aquila, L’Aquila (I). April 18, 2002.
- “Glutamatergic synapses and plasticity”, Workshop on Basic sciences and rehabilitation, Pisa (I). January 18, 2002.

- “Glutamate and schizophrenia: A role for GLT-1?”, Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, University of Pisa, Pisa (I). January 18, 2002.
- “Glutamate and schizophrenia”, Department of Physiology, University of Bologna, Bologna (I). November 30, 2001.
- “GABA transporters in cerebral cortex”, Workshop on GABA transporter localization, development, and function, Winter Conference on Brain Research, Steamboat Springs, CO (USA). January 27, 2001.
- “Localization of GABA transporters in the cerebral cortex”, International Conference on GABA and Glycine Receptors, Cairns (Australia). July 29, 2000.
- “Localization and regulation of GLT-1, a high affinity glutamate transporter”, Departamento de Neurociencias, Universidad del Pais Vasco, Bilbao (Spain). December 17, 1999.
- “Mechanisms of cortical reorganizational plasticity”, Annual Meeting of the Italian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology, Trieste (I). September 6, 1998.
- “Expression of glutamate receptors in cortical glia”, 3rd European Meeting on Glial Cell function in Health and Disease, Athens (Greece). May 8, 1998.
- “Mechanisms of reorganizational plasticity in the cerebral cortex”, Workshop on Space cognition and movement: organization, dysfunction and recovery, E. Majorana Center for Scientific Culture, Erice (I). March 14, 1998.
- “Mechanisms of cortical reorganizational plasticity”, Institute of Human Physiology, University of Parma, Parma (I). January 8, 1998.
- “A role for the glutamatergic system in cortical reorganization?”, 2nd Berlin Workshop on Cortical Plasticity, Berlin (Germany). November 28, 1997.
- “Localization of NMDA receptors in the cerebral cortex”, 1st Mediterranean Neuroscience Conference, Montpellier (France). September 20, 1997.
- “The localization of glutamate receptors in the cerebral cortex”, Institute of Human Physiology, Università La Sapienza, Rome (I). June 5, 1997.
- “Emerging concepts in the localization of glutamate receptors and transporters”, SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies), Trieste (I). April 18, 1997.
- “Lesion-induced changes in glutamatergic system suggest a role for glial cells in cortical reorganizational plasticity”, Centro de Ciencias da Saude, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, PE (Brazil). August 29, 1996.
- “Cellular localization of GABA transporters in the cerebral cortex”, Instituto de Biofisica Carlos Chagas Filho, Rio de Janeiro, RJ (Brazil). August 26, 1996.
- “The anatomy of glutamatergic transmission in the cerebral cortex”, Plenary Lecture at the XI Reuniao Anual da Federacao de Sociedade de Biologia Experimental (FESBE), Caxambu, MG (Brazil). August 24, 1996.
- “Cellular localization of high-affinity plasma membrane GABA transporters in the cerebral cortex”, Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Universidade Federal de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, SP (Brazil). August 20, 1996.
- “Cellular localization and distribution of GABA and Glu transporters in the cerebral cortex”, Institut d'Anatomie, Université de Lausanne (Switzerland). January 26, 1996.
- “Anatomical studies on the astrocytic expression of Glu receptors and transporters”, Max Delbruck Centrum fur Molekulare Medizin, Berlin (Germany). January 24, 1996.
- “Glutamatergic transmission and reorganizational plasticity”, Workshop on Adult neural plasticity: Common features across multiple sensory modalities, Winter Conference on Brain Research, Whistler, BC (Canada). January 29, 1993.
- “Neurotransmitters and the functional reorganization of the cerebral cortex”, Symposium on Neurotransmitters and neuromodulators: molecular and functional aspects, Italian Physiological Society, Rome (I). September 24, 1992.
- “Glutamatergic neurons in the cerebral cortex”, Department of Animal Biology, University of Turin (I). June 25, 1991.
- “The anatomy of memory”, Workshop on Computer-assisted rehabilitation, Rome (I), July 6, 1990.
- “Glutamatergic neurons in the cerebral cortex”, Laboratory of Neuropsychology, NIMH, Bethesda, MD (USA). June 25, 1990.
- “Glutamatergic neurons and synapses in the mammalian cerebral cortex, as studied by immunocytochemistry”, Brain Research Institute and Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA (USA). June 22, 1990.

- “Anatomical and pharmacological studies on neocortical glutamate-immunoreactive neurons”, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, University of California at Irvine, Irvine, CA (USA). June 21, 1990.
- “Neurotransmitters of mammalian cortico-cortical projections”, Department of Psychology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (USA). June 19, 1990.
- “Toward the anatomical identification of glutamatergic neurons and synapses in the cerebral cortex”, Excitatory Amino Acids 1990 (Fidia Research Foundation Symposium), Montegrotto Terme (I). May 22, 1990.
- “Endogenous antinociceptive mechanisms”, 2nd meeting of the Italian Association of Sport Psychology, Senigallia (I). April 22, 1990.
- “Excitatory amino acids”, School on Methods in Neuroscience: Immunohistochemistry, Modena (I). February 23, 1990.
- “Excitatory neurotransmitters in the mammalian cerebral cortex”, Institute of Human Physiology, University of Catania (I). March 23, 1989.
- “Neurotransmitters of pyramidal neurons in the mammalian neocortex” Cajal Institute, CSIC, Madrid (Spain). May 17, 1988.
- “Glutamatergic neurons in the cerebral cortex”, Neurological Institute C. Besta, Milan (I). May 5 1987.
- “An ultrastructural study of glutamate-positive neurons and terminals in the cerebral cortex”, Excitatory Amino Acids' 88, Manaus (Brazil). March 29, 1988.
- “The callosal connections of somatic sensory areas in monkeys”, Laboratory of Neuropsychology, NIMH, Bethesda, MD (USA). August 22, 1986.
- “The anatomical organization of the reciprocal callosal connections between the first and the second somatosensory areas in monkeys”, Conference on Perspectives in Neurophysiology, Siena (I). October 23, 1984.

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Journals

ACS Neuroscience
Archives italiennes de Biologie

African Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
Biological Psychiatry

BMC Neuroscience
Brain Research Bulletin
British Journal of Pharmacology
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Other professional activities

Organization of symposia, congresses etc..

- “64th Meeting of the italian physiological society”, Portonovo (I). September 18-20, 2013
- “52nd Meeting of the italian physiological society” (with T Manzoni), Ancona (I). September 25-28, 2001.
- “Excitatory Amino Acids & the Cerebral Cortex” (with TP Hicks), International Symposium Funded by CEC, DG XII, Portonovo (I). May 20-24, 1995.
- “Canalopatie e malattie neurologiche: nuove frontiere per la terapia” (with C. Ferrarese), Symposium at the XLVIII Meeting of the Italian Society of Neurology, Naples (I). October 16, 2016.
- “Social Neuroscience (with M. Maj), Symposium at the Congress of the italian Society for Neuroscience, Ischia (I). October 7, 2017.
- “Parkinson’s disease: toward a better integration between basic and clinical research? (with L. Provinciali), Symposium at the Congress of the italian Society for Neuroscience, Ischia (I). October 1, 2017.
- “Alzheimer’s disease: Molecular pathogenesis and clinical features” (with C. Ferrarese), Symposium at the XLVII Meeting of the Italian Society of Neurology, Venice (I). October 23, 2016.
- “Divulgare le Neuroscienze”, SINS School (with G. Corbellini), Milan (I). October 17-18, 2016
- “In search of lost plasticity”, Workshop at INRCA IRCCS, Ancona (I). December 11, 2014.
- “Physiology and Philosophy: historical perspectives” (with A Colantuoni), Pre-Meeting Symposium of the 65th Annual Meeting of the italian physiological society (SIF), Anacapri (I). September 28, 2014.
- “Glial modulation of neurotransmitter signalling” (with M Matteoli), Symposium at the XV Congress of the italian Society of Neuroscience (SINS), Rome (I). October 4, 2013.
- “The senescent synapse”. Pre-meeting Symposium at Annual Meeting of the italian physiological society (SIF), Ancona Portonovo (I). September 18, 2013.
- “The scientific legacy of Claude Bernard. A tribute on the bicentenary of his birth” (with G Corbellini), Symposium of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Roma (I). May 7, 2013.
- “Glutamate/GABA-corelease: a new mechanism for synaptic homeostasis?” (with F Benfenati), Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the italian physiological society, Verona (I). September 24, 2012.

- “Transport of neurotransmitters” (with M Matteoli), Symposium at the international Meeting TRANSPORTERS 2006, Parma (I). September 7, 2006.
- “Emerging aspects in synaptic physiology” (with E Cherubini), Symposium at the Congress of the Italian Society for Neuroscience, Ischia (I). October 1, 2005.
- “Factors generating heterogeneity at central synapses”, Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Italian Physiological Society, Rome (I). September 23, 1999.
- “Glutamatergic transmission: A view from the dendrite” (with RJ Weinberg), Society for Neuroscience Symposium, Washington, DC (USA). November 19, 1996.

Organization of conferences and events for the general public etc

- “Science & Philosophy”, Conferences for the general public, Ancona (I), 2000-2017 (for details: http://fiorenzocontigroup.it/main?p=ricerca_fisio_group_conti_scienza)
- “Franco Angeleri Lectures”, Conferences for the general public. Ancona (I), 2010-2017 (for details: http://fiorenzocontigroup.it/main?p=ricerca_fisio_group_conti_miscel_Angeleri)
- “INRCA Lecture on Brain Aging”, Conferences for the general public. Ancona (I), 2013-2017
- “Il Dolore. Immagini dall’arte, immagini dalla scienza”, Exhibition and conferences on pain (with F Benedetti and C Caputi). Ancona (I), February 11-25, 2011.

Editorial boards

- Archives italiennes de Biologie (Editorial Board)
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- Neuroglia (Editorial Board)
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