

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic qualifications

1982 Liceo Scientifico "A.Omodeo" Mortara-Italy (Maturita' Scientifica)
1983 – 1992 University of Pavia - Italy
1986 Degree in Biological Sciences (Genetics) *summa cum laude*
1987 Specialization in Genetics (equivalent to a British master degree)
1992 PhD (Genetics and Molecular Biology)

Professional experience

1993-1996	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Dipartimento di Genetica e Microbiologia Universita' di Pavia (Prof. Luigi de Carli)
1997	Visiting Scientist	MRC Human Genetics Unit Edinburgh
1998- 2012	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology Edinburgh (Prof WC Earnshaw)
2012 (September 1 st)	Lecturer	School of Health Sciences and Social Care, Department of Biosciences, Brunel University
2015 (October 1 st)	Senior Lecturer	College of Health and Life Sciences
2018 (September)	Professor of Cell Biology	College of Health and Life Sciences

Prizes, Awards and other Honours

1986 Degree in Biological Sciences *Summa cum laude*
1987 Italian Charter of Biologists exam (150/150)
2012 Faculty Travel Award ASCB 212

Fellowships

1988 Italian Association For Cancer Research (AIRC): three years Post-Graduate Fellowship
1993 University of Pavia: Two -year Postdoctoral Fellowship
University of Pavia: "Cultore della Materia" in Genetics
1995 Fondazione "Adriano Buzzati-Traverso": Post-doctoral Fellowship
1998 CNR (National research Council): Senior Post-doctoral fellowship

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1999 University of Pavia: winner of a two-years research contract (contratti di ricerca)

Funding

2012 BRIEF funding award, Brunel University London
2012 Breast Cancer Campaign PILOT grant
2013 BBSRC Responsive mode Grant (RM3) 3 Years
2017 IDEA Award, Brunel University London
2018 Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards in Science (5 years)

2013 Shortlisted for CRUK career development award

Membership of Grant giving bodies:

2013-2017 Breast Cancer Campaign (UK) Advisory Board Member

Editorial Board:

Since 2013 Editorial Board of Chromosoma
Since 2015 Editorial Board of Oncotarget

Teaching experience

1993 - Nominated “Cultore della Materia” in Genetics by the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Pavia (Italian Equivalent of Higher Education teaching qualification)

1993-1997 Member of the examination committee for the Course of Genetics (Prof. Luigi De Carli), Cytogenetics (Prof. Elena Raimondi) and for the degree in Biological Sciences and Environmental Mutagenesis

1996 & 1997 Lecturer for the Course of Genetics for the degree in Natural Sciences
1996 & 1997 Organization and Teaching for the Course of Environmental Mutagenesis for the School of Specialization in Applied Genetics, University of Pavia

1993-1997 Contributor to the didactic activity at the Department of Genetics & Microbiology, University of Pavia

2012-present -Module Coordinator for Analytical Biochemistry (L2)
-Lecturer for the Module of Metabolic Regulations (L2)

2015-present -Final Year Project Coordinator for Bioscience

2017-18 - Module coordinator for Cellular Pathologies (L3)
- Developed a new Master Programme in “Disease Mechanisms and Therapeutics (<http://www.brunel.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/Disease-Mechanisms-and-Therapeutics-MSc>)

2018-present - Program Lead for the Master Programme in “Disease Mechanisms and Therapeutics

Collegial activities

Member of the SATS committee for the ATHENA SWAN bronze award submission. We obtained the Departmental Bronze award this year (2017).

I led the “early career assessment group” and currently leading the same group for the action plans.

Student Supervisions:

In Italy

Co-supervisor for the Theses for the degree in Biological Sciences of the students:
Sabrina Fiori, Dr Chiara Corso, Stefano Castagna, Chara Coelli

In Scotland

Co-supervisor of the PhD student Susana Ribeiro now post-doctoral fellow in Ron Vale'lab.

Supervisor of the Honour Students:

Toon Verheyen, Lilith Mannack, Aldona Kutkowska and Thomas William Monteiro. All the students have obtained a PhD student position.

Brunel University London

Supervisor of the PhD student Ezgi Goham (Completed February 2017),

Raquel Sales Gil (2nd year)

Thamineh Hadi-Toussi (1st year)

Invited speaker at the following international meetings:

- The Wilhelm Bernhard Workshop : 21st International Workshop on the cell nucleus. Ustron, Poland, 31 August – 4 September 2009 “Repo-Man and condensin regulate chromosome structure and dynamics in mitosis”
- 15th International Chromosome Conference (ICC XV) London, UK, 5-10 September 2004 “Chromosome condensation without condensin”
- International miniconference chromosomes and mitosis, 16 December 2015, Novosibirsk, Russia
- “Phosphatases and Signalling in Health and Disease”, Bath June 20-26th 2016
- The Pleiotropic Nuclear Envelope, 22—25 August 2017, Edinburgh.
- IC Genomics Symposium, London, Imperial college. 27th November 2018.

Reviewer for the following journals:

Molecular Cell
Developmental Cell
Molecular and cellular biology
PLOS Biology
Journal of Cell Science
BMC Cell Biology
Nature Communications

PUBLICATIONS

I have authored **51 research articles** in international peer reviewed journals and **12 reviews and book chapters**. **H-Index: 27**; Hi-10 index 45; **Citations: 4202**.

51 Ines J de Castro, Raquel Sales Gil, Lorena Ligammari, Maria Laura Di Giacinto, **Paola Vagnarelli** (2017) CDK1 and PLK1 coordinate the disassembly and reassembly of the nuclear envelope in vertebrate mitosis *Oncotarget* 9(8): 7763–7773. Published online 2017 Dec 23. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.23666

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43 Ribeiro SA, **Vagnarelli P**, Earnshaw WC. DNA content of a functioning chicken kinetochore.(2014) *Chromosome Res.* 22(1):7-13. doi: 10.1007/s10577-014-9410-3.

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Reviews and Book chapters:

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