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### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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### **GENERAL EDUCATION**

High School Diploma	Maturità Scientifica 58/60, 1973
Pre-clinical Training:	Medical Doctor, Magna cum Laude April 1981, University of Milan Medical School

Post graduate Training: Specialisation in Cardiology(CCT) 70/70 cum Laude 1983, University of Milan Specialisation (CCT) in Clinical Pharmacology 70/70 1985-1989, University of Milan

## **APPOINTMENTS**

July 2017	Italian National Scientific Board Endorsement as	
	Associate Professor, section 06/D1;	
May 2013 to date	Honorary Professor Specialty School Cardiovascular	
	Diseases Universita' Vita Salute San Raffaele, Milan,	
	Italy	
Dec 2017 to date	Clinical Senior Scientist (Primo Ricercatore) Istituto di	
	Bioimmagini e Fisica Molecolare (IBFM) C.N.R. Segrate	
	Italy.	
Oct 2010 Dec 2017	Clinical Scientist (Ricercatore) Istituto di Bioimmagini e	
	Fisica Molecolare (IBFM) C.N.R. Milan Italy.	
April 2009 July 2010	Honorary Consultant Cardiac Imaging Hammersmith	
	Hospital Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust	
July 2006 Dec 2008	Honorary Associate Professor New York Medical College	
January 2000 July 2010 Honorary Senior Lecturer NHLI, Imperial College		
January 2003 July 2010 Honorary Clinical Senior Scientist CSC, MRC		

May 2001 Oct 2010	Honorary Investigator National Research Council (CNR) IFC Pisa
Mar 1996 - Dec 2002	Honorary Clinician Scientist, MRC Cyclotron Unit
Oct 1995- Feb 1996	Visiting Lecturer, Harvard Medical School (New England Regional Primate Research Center)
1988-2001	Investigator National Research Council (CNR) Centre for Cardiovascular Research, Milan
1979-1988	Research Fellow at the Cardiovascular Research Unit, University of Milan

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETES**

Fellow of the American College of Cardiology 2000-2010

Member of the Working Group of Nuclear Cardiology of the European Society of Cardiology, EACVI

Member of the Councils on Basic Cardiovascular Science and Clinical Cardiology

of the American Heart Association. Membership N 100001574421

Fellow of the American Heart Association

Member of the International Society of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and British Society of Cardiac Magnetic Resonance

Chair working group "Coronary microcirculation" Societa' Italiana di Cardiologia (2014-2016)

**Member of the Editorial Board of the** European Heart Journal Cardiovascular Imaging (ISSN:2047-2412), Circulation Cardiovascular Imaging (ISSN: 1942-0080), American Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (AJNMMI) (ISSN: 2160-8407).

Deputy Editor International Journal of Cardiology (2016-todate)

#### **Currently a referee for the following journals:**

Journal of American College of Cardiology since 2000

Cardiovascular Research since 2000

European Heart Journal since 2004

Journal of Nuclear Medicine since 2003

Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging since 2005

American Journal of Cardiology since 2005

Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance since 2006

Member of the Abstract review Committee for ESC Congress since 2002.

Member of the Abstract review Committee for AHA since 2004.

Chair person at the Congress of the European Society of Cardiology since 2002.

Chair person at the America Heart Association Congress since 2004.

Named expert REPRISE: Register of Expert Peer Reviewers for Italian Scientific Evaluation

#### **RESEARCH TRAINING AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

### Istituto di Ricerche Cardiovascolari (Cardiovascular Research Unit), University of Milan, Italy (1977-95)

My research training began at the Istituto di Ricerche Cardiovascolari, University of Milan, directed by Prof. A. Zanchetti.

After graduating, I continued to be involved in studies on the role of reflex sympathetic activation during myocardial ischaemia or due to direct cardiac stimulation by means of intracoronary bradykinin (4).

In collaboration with the Department of Systems Analysis of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Milan, I was involved in studies on the theoretical aspects of the study of heart rate variability. I carried out the fundamental experiments for the definition of the physiological interpretation of heart rate variability, under the guidance of Professor Massimo Pagani. The results have been published extensively in medical (6,10,11,12,15,17,20,41) and engineering (9,10,16,19,22,46) journals. The paper published in Circulation Research in 1986 (6) is generally considered one of the most valuable contributions in the field. My experimental activity of also encompassed the study of the physiological mechanisms underlying the direct and reflex action on the cardiovascular system of different drugs, including calcium antagonists (7), prostaglandins (8, 14), ACE inhibitors (20) and thromboxane receptor blockers (18).

#### Harvard School of Medicine (1993-1995)

Between 1993 and 1995, I was involved in a bilateral project between the Italian National Research Council in Milan and Harvard School of Medicine (New England Regional Primate Research Center, directed by Prof. SF Vatner) on the study of the early alterations of neural control of the cardiovascular system in an animal model of pacing-induced heart failure.

#### PET Cardiology, MRC Cyclotron Unit and Clinical Sciences Centre, Hammersmith Hospital, London (1996 to 2010)

In 1996 I started to cooperate with the PET Cardiology Group directed by Prof P Camici at the MRC Cyclotron Unit Clinical Sciences Centre at Hammersmith Hospital.

My main task have included:

**a**) To set up and manage a laboratory for the study of cardiac pathophysiology in large animal models;

**b**) To be in charge of the project for the investigation of transmural myocardial blood flow distribution in patients with coronary artery disease and those with left ventricular hypertrophy which included the validation of the new prototype CTI EXACT 3D PET scanner.

### **Experimental studies**.

1) Validation of the EXACT 3D PET scanner for the measurement of myocardial blood flow with oxygen-15 labelled water. This project has involved extensive collaboration with the Methodology Section of the Cyclotron Unit including physicists and radiochemists. (47). Further experimental validation of the EXACT3D scanner in a porcine model of coronary stenosis and demand ischemia(62). These studies provided the experimental background to human studies aiming at investigating the transmural distribution of myocardial blood flow in myocardial hypertrophy (44, 53,74) and hibernation.

2) Set up of an animal model of repetitive stunning to complement the studies by Prof Camici on patients with heart failure and hibernating myocardium (28, 43, 48). The hypothesis that hibernating myocardium could be the result of multiple episodes of ischemia has been addressed in several reviews (29, 50, 52, 58, 69, 72) and quoted in Braunwald, Zipes, Libby Eds "Heart Disease" 6<sup>th</sup> Edition ref 238 p1107.

3) Validation in a porcine infarct model of a new method for the quantification of infarct size This project involved the development of new dedicated software and is carried out in collaboration with the University of Muenster, Germany (45).

4) Development and validation of a prazosin derivative GB-67 a new selective ligand to image cardiac  $\alpha_1$ -receptors in humans (38, 40, 70).

# **Clinical Studies**.

1) Transmural distribution of myocardial blood flow in patients with left ventricular hypertrophy secondary to aortic stenosis or arterial hypertension. In patients with LVH there is a significant reduction of coronary flow reserve mainly in the subendocardium that is correlated to the valve area (44, 53, 63, 67,73).

2) Study on transmural distribution of myocardial blood flow in normal subjects, and patients with CAD. This study addresses the topic of quantification and distribution pattern of resting coronary blood flow in hibernating myocardium (69).

3) I have continued to pursue my interest on the influence of the autonomic nervous system on coronary microcirculatory function.

Effect of alpha blocking agents after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) in patients with coronary artery disease (37). The topic of alpha adrenergic control of the coronary circulation was addressed in a comprehensive review (39) quoted in Braunwald, Zipes, Libby Eds "Heart Disease" 6<sup>th</sup> Edition ref 142a page 1099.

I co-investigated the role of neural Nitric Oxide in the modulation of coronary flow reserve in healthy volunteers and in patients with denervated hearts after transplant (56, 66). As a corollary I co-authored studies in patients with diabetic neuropathy (49) and Brugada syndrome (59). The measurement of downregulation of  $\beta$ -adrenergic receptor (<sup>11</sup>C-CGP) early after myocardial infarction has proven a predictive factor for the incidence of heart failure in the long term (78).

4) Effects of novel surgical procedures in patients with end stage coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathy. In collaboration with Papworth Hospital, Cambridge (32). In collaboration with Harefield Campus and Sir M. Yacoub I co-authored a study on the effect of left ventricular assist device (LVAD) on myocardial blood flow in patients with end stage dilated cardiomyopathy(60).

5) Validation of the method for the quantification of infarct size [which follows the relative validation in the animal model (see point 4 above)] in explanted hearts of patients undergoing cardiac transplantation (45).

6) At the same time I was fully trained in cardiovascular magnetic resonance and co-operated with Prof. D. Pennell and his group (Dr. S. Prasad, Dr. K Rajappan) to investigate algorithms employing Fermi deconvolution to measure transmural myocardial blood flow in hibernating myocardium(54,64,68) and aortic stenosis (43).

7) In collaboration with Prof. S. Neubauer group in Oxford a feasibility study comparing a new technique blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) at 3 Tesla and PET perfusion and coronary flow reserve measurements was carried out in patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) and normal volunteers (74,82). In this study it was demonstrated that T2-prepared SSFP 3T BOLD imaging is feasible in the clinical setting and has good agreement with PET perfusion parameters for the detection of myocardial ischaemia.(92)

8) In the last period of activity in London I lead the project to validate a quantitative methodology for imaging large vessel inflammation with  $[^{11}C]$ -(R)-PK11195 deriving both plasma and image input functions in patients with active vasculitides (75,78,83). The volume of distribution of  $[^{11}C]$ -(R)-PK11195 resulting from quantitative kinetic analysis correlated with the performance of the standardized uptake value (SUV) to discriminate active and non-active vasculitides (81,83,85). These studies were the groundwork to the use of  $[^{11}C]$ -(R)-PK11195 as a tracer to detect carotid intraplaque inflammation in vivo with PET/CTA.. Patients with a recent ischaemic event had ipsilateral plaques with lower CT attenuation and increased (11)C-PK11195 uptake (88). A collaboration is ongoing with Prof. P.Libby (Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine, Brigham and Women Hospital, Harvard Medical School) (90).

#### C.N.R. I.B.F.M.

I moved from I.F.C. Pisa to I.B.F.M. Segrate, I continued my collaboration with Prof. P. Camici and set up in San Raffaele Hospital the study of carotid plaques with the radiotracer [ $^{11}$ C]-(R)-PK11195 (88,93, 105,109) and their correlation with white matter brain lesions and circulating inflammatory cells.

I continued the studies of myocardial perfusion with PET and CMR in patients with coronary artery disease and left ventricular hypertrophy and wrote several reviews on this topic (89, 99, 103, 106, 110).

I initatied a collaboration with Dr. M. Frigerio and Prof. C. Giannattasio at the Cardiac Magnetic Resonance facilities Niguarda Hospital to test the performance of Work in Progres cardiac magnetic resonance sequences designed by Siemens AG Erlangen in patients who underwent heart transplant. I am leading the project of the study to measure and validate the in-vivo detection of diffuse fibrosis and inflammation in the w heart in transplanted patients and volunteers by means of T1 and T2 mapping techniques. The study entails monitoring over time interstitial fibrosis and its prospective value for the development of morbidity and mortality (91,104).

#### International collaborations:

I continued the collaboration with Prof. S. Neubauer (Oxford University) and Prof. C. Kramer (University of Virginia) participating into the International multicentric study HCMR in patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy who will be studied with cardiac magnetic resonance. This study aims at changing the existing paradigm in HCM by improving risk stratification, establishing risk predictors, identifying surrogate endpoints to monitor treatment response. The first step of enrolling was concluded end of 2018 (manuscript submitted)

Ongoing collaboration with Prof. M. Di Carli and Dr. S. Dorbala (Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School Boston, MA) for studies on microcirculatory dysfunction with particular interest in the effects of gender on cardiac outcomes (97, 102, 107)

Collaboration with Prof. H. Shimokawa (Tohoku University Sendai, Japan) The registry aims to elucidate the risk factors, clinical features, diagnostic methods, treatments and prognosis of patients with Microvascular Angina in the medium term. The enrolment was completed in December 2018 and 837 patients have been enrolled in 15 countries.

### **Clinical competence level**

In Italy I have been trained in non-invasive cardiology (echocardiography, stress SPECT) during my internship.

Since I have started my collaboration in the United Kingdom I have worked with PET(positron emission tomography). Over the years I have attained and maintained a high level of cognitive and technical skill in cardiac imaging according to ACCF AHA Clinical competence Statement on cardiac imaging (Budoff et al. Circulation, 2005:112:598-617)

<u>Cardiac PET</u> level of 3 of clinical competence. More than 300 scan completed and interpreted. Dr Rimoldi is a renowned expert in the field and has written two reviews on diagnosis and treatment of myocardial hibernation (69, 79).

<u>Cardiac Magnetic Resonance</u> level 3 of clinical competence Royal Brompton Hospital, London UK(>800 examined and interpreted, including MRA and adult congenital GUCH).

<u>Cardiac Computed Tomography</u> level 2 in 2005. 100 contrast examination (Universitat Spital Zurich). Attended 4<sup>th</sup> cardiovascular magnetic resonance and computed tomography state of the art Washington DC June 2006.

#### TUTORIAL ACTIVITIES

I helped to supervise the work of a number of higher degree students providing them with theoretical and practical teaching:

- Dr C. Baker (PhD student, ICSM): set up of the experimental model of stunning in anaesthetised pigs (28, 43, 48, 51).
- Dr P Chareonthaitawee (visiting fellow from Mayo Clinic, Rochester USA): training in PET techniques to carry out the study "Assessment of infarct size in patients with heart failure". (42,45)

• Dr K Rajappan (MD student, ICSM): teaching, experimental design, data acquisition on the EXACT3D scanner and data handling for the study "Investigation of changes in coronary reserve and ECG during progression of left ventricular mass before and after aortic valve replacement".(44, 52)

• Edward Barnes (MD student, ICSM): teaching, experimental design, data acquisition and handling for the study "Prolonged left ventricular dysfunction occurs in patients with coronary artery disease after both dobutamine and exercise induced myocardial ischaemia" (36). This study is the clinical complement to the studies on myocardial stunning in pigs.

• K. Schaefers (PhD student visiting from Muenster University, Germany): guidance on physiological mechanisms to develop original software for the measurement of infarct size with PET (42). Validation of the measurement of myocardial blood flow in 3D (47)

• Dr PA Kaufmann (PhD visiting from University of Zurich, Switzerland) tutoring in experimental design and pathophysiological implications for validation studies (33) and autonomic control of coronary circulation (56)

• L. Livieratos (PhD student, University of Surrey ): Technical and physiological advice to set-up monitoring of respiratory movements in order to implement gating facilities on the scanner Exact 3D.

• Dr. R Jagathesan (MD student, ICSM) experimental design, data acquisition and handling for the study "Assessment of the long term reproducibility of baseline and dobutamine-induced myocardial blood flow in patients with stable coronary artery disease" (61).

• Dr. Paul Bhamra-Ariza (MD student, ICSM 2010) co-supervisor for the study "Non invasive measurement of absolute myocardial perfusion in humans: a comparison between Positron Emission Tomography and Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging" stud in co-operation with Oxford University Prof. S. Neubauer and Harvard University Prof M. Herold-Jerosh.

• Dr. Lara Tondi (MBBS Bachelor of Medicine with Hon.2014) co-supervisor for the study "Effects of oral administration of Ivabradine (7.5 mg BID) on post-ischaemic stunning induced by exercise stress in patients with CAD and exercise inducible ischaemia".

• Dr. Marco Spartera (CCT cardiology July 2017) co-supervisor with Prof. PG Camici Universita' Vita Salute, Prof. V. Ferreira Radcliffe Hospital,Oxford UK for the thsis "Regadenoson Stress Tl mapping Can distinguish between ischaemic, infarcted, remore and normal Myocardium without the use of Gadolinium contrast medium"

#### **MANAGEMENT and ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Consultancy, Bayer AG (Milan) 1992-1996

Bayer AG as a Specialist clinical pharmacologist I am knowledgeable of the European Union Clinical Trial Directive, GCP and GMP. I supervised the monitoring of clinical trials investigating the effect of Ca<sup>++</sup>-antagonists in coronary artery disease, and wrote final reports of clinical trials for regulatory requirements.

Clinical research governance, experimental design combining the requirement for controlled studies. Risk assessment to monitor and minimise the risks to patients and staff and safety issues involved in the appropriate use of ionising radiation. Competence on the the legal basis for RECs (Research Ethic Committeee) applications for REC approval of clinical single centre or multicentre studies. Clinical audits are conducted regular basis to assess scanning practice against standard guidelines and set local standards ans SOPs.

#### GRANTS

Co-principal investigator British Heart Foundation (1998) in collaboration with Prof. M Noble (Imperial College, London) and Prof PG Camici (PG/97034): "PET studies of coronary blood flow, flow reserve and metabolic and endothelial control of flow in the chronically denervated dog heart".  $\pounds$  80,533

Co-principal investigator grant Knoll AG (1999): PI Prof PG Camici: "Effect of anti-hypertensive treatment with verapamil SR-240 mg and amlodipine 5 mg on the coronary vasodilator reserve and the transmural distribution of myocardial blood flow in patients with left ventricular hypertrophy and arterial hypertension".  $\pounds$  217,000

Principal investigator grant CV Therapeutics (2002): Co-PI Dr. L. Belardinelli "Assessment of efficacy of adenosine  $A_1$  receptor agonist CVT510 in prevention and and reduction of ischemia/reperfusion damage" £ 43,000

Principal Investigator MRC Stem Cell initiative (2003) strategic grant in stem cell research collaborators New York Medical College Prof. P. Anversa, Dr. A. Leri, Dr. J. Kajstura "Stem cell plasticity in the heart after myocardial infarction"£ 258,933

Partner BHF Cardiovascular Initiative 2005 "BHFgrant for improvement of large animal facilities: equipment for hemodynamic measurement, angiography, ultrasound, intravenous ultrasound, intra-coronary pressure and optical coherence tomography". P.I .Prof. D. Haskard in collaboration with NHLI division.  $\sim$ £ 1,000,000

Co-applicant MIUR(Ministry of University and Research of Italy) PRIN project grant 2010 *Relationship between morpho-functional characterization of carotid* 

*plaque and cerebral damage load a multimodal non invasive study of the plaque.* P.I. Dr. Enrico Ammirati € 229,000.

Co-applicant MIUR (Ministry of University and Research of Italy) Network project grant "Mechanisms And Treatment Of Coronary Microvascular Disfunction In Patients With Genetic Or Secondary Left Ventricular Hypertrophy"  $\in$  1.301.133,32 in collaboration Universita'Vita Salute San Raffaele Milan, University of Florence and University of Rome.

Italian Principal Investigator CNR bilateral grant Italy-Japan Japanese PI Prof. H Shimokawa (Tohoku, University Sendai). Accordo di cooperazione scientifica CNR/JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) – Giappone Biennio 2016/17 "International Prospective Registry for the Study of Patients with Microvascular Angina"  $\in$  8,000.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### Papers in peer reviewed journals

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4. Pagani M, Pizzinelli P, Furlan F, Guzzetti S, **Rimoldi O**, Sandrone G, Malliani A. *Analysis of the pressor sympathetic reflex produced by intracoronary injections of bradykinin in conscious dogs*. Circ Res 1985;56:175-183.

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6. Pagani M, Lombardi F, Guzzetti S, **Rimoldi O**, Furlan R, Pizzinelli, Sandrone G, Malfatto G, Dell'Orto S, Piccaluga E, Turiel M,Baselli G, Cerutti S, Malliani A. *Power spectral analysis of heart rate and arterial pressure variabilities as a marker of sympatho-vagal interaction in man and conscious dog*. Circ Res 1986, 58:178-193.

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