

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current position

Senior Astronomer at INAF-Astronomical Observatory of Trieste

History and Awards

- 2005 – Director of the Astronomical Observatory of Trieste
- 2002 – present: Senior Astronomer at INAF-Astronomical Observatory of Trieste
- 2000 May: qualification as full professor in Astronomy
- 1999 Apr-2002: Instrument Scientist/Astronomer at ESO-ECF
- 1998 Aug-1999 Apr: Associate at the ESO headquarters in Garching bei München
- 1995 Jul-Nov: Associate at the ESO headquarters in Garching
- 1992-present: Associate Professor at the University of Padua
- 1984-1987: ESO Staff Astronomer at the La Silla Observatory
- 1983-1992: Researcher at the University of Padua
- 1983-1984: ESO Fellow at the ESO headquarters in Garching
- May 1982 - March 1983: fellowship granted by the Italian C.N.R. at the ESO headquarters in Garching
- April 1981: Degree in Physics at the University of Rome (110/110 cum laude). Thesis on *Photometric and Spectroscopic Observations of AGNs*.
- 1976-80: *Enrico Persico* award of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (4 times).

Memberships and Recent Comités

- 2007- INAF representative in the “Consortium for the Advancement of Physics” in Trieste
- 2007- Member of the Council of the “Area di Ricerca” Research Institute
- 2005- Responsible of the WP “Cosmology of the Structure Formation” in the study “Cosmology and Fundamental Physics” of the Italian Space Agency
- 2005- Member of the board of the Trieste University College for Physical Sciences “Luciano Fonda”

- 2005- Teaching “Observational Astronomy” at the University of Trieste (Degree in Astrophysics & Spatial Physics) and “Intergalactic Medium” at the International School for Advanced Studies (ISAS/SISSA) of Trieste
- 2004-2005 SOC IAU Colloquium 199 “Probing Galaxies through QSO absorption lines”
- 2004- Responsible of the Main Science Case of the feasibility study of the Cosmic Dynamics Experiment (CODEX) at the OWL 100m telescope
- 2003-2004 Responsible of the study “Products of the Cosmological Evolution” for the Italian Space Agency
- 2000-present: Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey (GOODS) Legacy (Spitzer), Treasury (HST), Large Program (ESO) Project
- 2000-2002: Faculty member/Supervisor for the International Max-Planck Research School on Astrophysics at the University of Munich
- 1999-2000: Co-chair of the SOC for the ESO/ECF/STScI workshop “Deep Fields”
- 1999-present ESO coordinator of the European Research and Training Network “The Physics of the Intergalactic Medium”
- 1999-2002: Fellowship & Studentship Selection Committee at ESO
- 1999-2002: Managing committee of ESO Colloquia and of ESO-MPA Joint Astrophysical Colloquia
- 1998-2000: VLT Science Verification Teams of the instruments: FORS1/2, ISAAC and UVES
- 1998-2000: Consortium for an ESA study of an NGST-IFMOS instrument
- 1997: HST TAC panel for AGN
- 1997-1999: TAC Galileo National Telescope (TNG)
- 1996-2000: Task leader of the area “Quasar absorption lines” in the European network “Galaxy Formation and Evolution”
- 1996-1999: Scientific Advisor in the CCI (International Scientific Committee) of the Observatories of Roque de los Muchachos and Teide (Canary Islands).
- 1996-1999: ESO Working Group “EIS Survey”, “Wide Field Imaging”, “VLT Key Programs”
- 1996: HST TAC panel for Quasar Absorption Lines
- 1992-present: ESO Instrument Science Team of the FORS instruments for the VLT
- 1992: Founding member of the European Astronomical Society
- 1991: Galileo Instrument Science Team of the Low Dispersion Spectrograph instrument for the Italian National Telescope (TNG)
- 1988-present: International Astronomical Union. Commission 9: Working Group on Wide-Field Imaging

Main areas of present research

Extragalactic astronomy, cosmology, formation and evolution of galaxies, large-scale structure, quasars, advanced data-analysis methods.

Author of 150 refereed papers on these topics (H index = 47.5).

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