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Education and Professional Experience

2008-to date: Researcher (Permanent position)

December 2005-December 2007: Researcher (Temporary position)

March 2004-March 2005: Advanced Research Award, granted by POR Campania 2000/2006 (misura 3.13), at University of Naples Federico II, Department of General and Environmental Physiology.

October 2003-May 2005: Appointed as researcher in the project "Bioactive compounds in pasture species for phytotherapy and animal wellbeing" (ANFIT PROJECT), funded by Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali (DM 417757/26/06/01), at ISPAAM-CNR.

November 2000-October 2003: Ph.D. in Animal, Vegetal and Microbic Physiology at Department of General and Environmental Physiology, University of Naples Federico II

March 2000-November 2000: Fellowship granted by ISPAAM-CNR, attending the laboratory of Prof P.Abrescia, in the Department of General and Environmental Physiology, University of Naples Federico II.

March 1999-March 2000: Training post lauream at Department of General and Environmental Physiology, University of Naples Federico II.

February 1997-December 1998: Studentship in the laboratory of Prof. S. Filosa (Department of Evolutive and Comparative Biology, University of Naples Federico II).

December 2008: Degree with first class honours in Biological Sciences, University of Naples Federico II.

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Selected publications

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 9. **Spagnuolo MS**, Bergamo P, Crescenzo R, Iannotta L, Treppiccione L, Iossa S, Cigliano L. Brain Nrf2 pathway, autophagy, and synaptic function proteins are modulated by a short-term fructose feeding in young and adult rats. *Nutr Neurosci*. 2020 Apr;23(4):309-320. doi: 10.1080/1028415X.2018.1501532.
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