

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Titoli di studio e professionali

2021: **Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale a Professore di prima fascia** (06/A1 Genetica Medica, BANDO D.D. 2175/2018)
2017: **Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale a Professore di seconda fascia** (06/A1 Genetica Medica, Bando D.D. 1532/2016)
2017: **Specializzazione in Genetica Medica**, Università Degli Studi di Genova, Italia
2013: Iscrizione all'Ordine Nazionale dei Biologi (AA_067918)
2012: **Dottorato di Ricerca in Genetica Molecolare con menzione di Doctor Europeus**, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italia
2012: Esame di Stato per Biologi.
2009: **Laurea Magistrale in Biotecnologie Mediche**, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italia
2006: **Laurea Triennale in Biotecnologie**, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italia
2003: **Diploma di Liceo Classico**, (Mestre-Venezia, Italia)

Incarico attuale

Da Settembre 2023: Direttore della SS Laboratorio di Genomica e Bioinformatica presso la SC di Genetica Medica dell'IRCCS materno-infantile Burlo Garofolo.
Da Ottobre 2021: Professore associato in Genetica Medica, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
Da Gennaio 2018: Dirigente Biologo convenzionato, SC Genetica Medica, Dipartimento dei Servizi e di Diagnostica Avanzata dell'IRCCS materno-infantile Burlo Garofolo.

Partecipa attivamente a corsi di formazione interna ed esterna multidisciplinari con particolare riferimento a tematiche genomiche e bioinformatiche. È coinvolta in prima persona nell'organizzazione del percorso diagnostico-clinico per la gestione dell'analisi dei dati genetici e genomici dei pazienti afferenti alla SC di Genetica Medica.

I risultati positivi della valutazione dell'attività diagnostica (valutazioni Dirigenti ai sensi dell'art. 59 del CCNL Area Sanità del 19/12/2019) presso la SC di Genetica Medica hanno riportato che:

- 1) Ha completato gli incarichi affidati dimostrando notevoli competenze supportate da una ricca attività scientifica (si veda sezione relativa ad abstract e pubblicazioni) nonché da finanziamenti nazionali e internazionali vinti in prima persona inerenti a malattie ereditarie e multifattoriali e loro studio tramite analisi genetiche/genomiche.
- 2) Ha partecipato attivamente a procedure di controllo del laboratorio e della qualità clinica delle prestazioni.
- 3) Ha implementato e promosso innovazioni tecnologiche (con particolare riferimento al campo della genomica e della bioinformatica) consentendo di a) centralizzare l'analisi genetica di alcune patologie (es. ipoacusie, cardiomiopatie, sindromi malformative, neonati critici) rendendo quindi l'Istituto centro di riferimento regionale e nazionale, b) riducendo i tempi di

analisi e migliorando il percorso diagnostico-molecolare.

- 4) È membro e partecipa attivamente a gruppi di lavoro della Società Italiana di Genetica Umana (es. GdL scienze omiche e citogenomica, malattie multifattoriali), nonché gruppi nazionali per lo studio di sindromi malformative complesse (Rete IDEA) e gruppi di cardiologia e otorinolaringoiatria.
- 5) Ha organizzato numerosi convegni nazionali e internazionali nel campo della genetica e della genomica essendo Docente di diversi corsi universitari afferenti al Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche Chirurgiche e della Salute, nonché della Scuola di Dottorato in Scienze della Riproduzione e dello sviluppo e della scuola di Specializzazione in Genetica Medica.

Attività di ricerca:

- Coordinatrice di un gruppo di ricerca sulle seguenti tematiche:
 - o Trattati e patologie sensoriali (udito, olfatto, vista e gusto) con l'obiettivo di identificare nuovi geni e varianti associati alla fisiologica funzione sensoriale e relativo decadimento.
 - o Trattati e patologie complesse, compresi endometriosi, tratti psichiatrici, tratti e patologie odontostomatologiche e patologie cardiometaboliche.
 - o Caratterizzazione clinica e genetica degli "Human Knockout" in popolazioni geneticamente isolate.
- Coordinatrice del Consorzio Internazionale G-EAR, la cui attività ha come principale obiettivo quello di studiare le basi genetiche della funzione uditiva e delle ipoacusie.
- Membro di più di 20 consorzi internazionali volti allo studio di tratti e patologie complesse tramite GWAS, contribuendo dalla fase di campionamento all'analisi dei dati.

Attività diagnostica:

Coordinamento dell'analisi dei dati NGS inerenti a malattie ereditarie quali ipoacusia (forme sindromiche e non sindromiche), cardiomiopatie, e patologie sindromiche malformative. Esegue inoltre consulenze genetiche pre-test per numerose patologie ereditarie, e consulenze genetiche per ipoacusia.

Esperienze professionali precedenti

- 2019-2021: **Ricercatore (RTDB)**, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste. Durante questo periodo ha esteso le sue collaborazioni nazionali ed internazionali e proseguito con le attività precedentemente citate, sia sul fronte della ricerca che della diagnostica.
- 2015-2019: **Ricercatore (RTDA)**, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste. Durante questo periodo ha rafforzato la collaborazione di lunga data con i genetisti e gli audiologi del Medical Corporation-HMC e del Sidra Medical Research Hospital, all'interno del progetto intitolato "Genetica della sordità nella popolazione del Qatar". Progetti: "Hearing loss in Qatar: High Throughput technologies to identify the molecular basis of deafness and of age-related hearing impairments"; "Molecular bases of hearing loss in Qatar: the final countdown". Grazie a queste collaborazioni e progetti ha visitato più volte l'HMC e, da agosto 2015 a Novembre 2016, è stata Visiting Scientist all Sidra Medical Hospital.
- 2013-2015: **Assegnista di ricerca**, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste. Progetto principale: identificazione di geni coinvolti nelle ipoacusie (forme congenite e tardive) e coordinamento del Consorzio Internazionale G-EAR. Durante questo periodo è stata due mesi Visiting Scientist presso il Center for Genomic Regulation, CRG (Barcellona, Spagna) e sei mesi come Visiting Scientist presso il Mary Lyon Centre (Harwell, Regno Unito) all'interno di un progetto collaborativo sulla presbiacusia dal titolo "Investigating the genetic bases of age-related hearing loss - Human GWAS to mouse models; Proof of Principle". Ha anche organizzato e partecipato in una spedizione scientifica pilota per raccogliere DNA e fenotipi sensoriali in un'area remota della Mongolia.
- 2010-2012: **Studente di Dottorato in Genetica Molecolare** presso la Scuola di Dottorato in Scienze della Riproduzione e dello Sviluppo, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste. Durante il secondo anno di dottorato ha trascorso sei mesi come Visiting Scientist presso il

Welcome Trust Sanger Institute (Cambridge-UK) nel “Genetics of deafness laboratory”. Inoltre, in questo periodo ha partecipato alla spedizione scientifica “Marco Polo” finalizzata alla raccolta di campioni e all'esecuzione di test audiometrici lungo la Via della Seta.

- 2009: **Incarico di Collaborazione**, presso la SC Genetica Medica dell'IRCCS materno-infantile Burlo Garofolo.
- 2009: **Visiting scientist** presso il National Institute for Medical Research, Londra (Regno Unito), nel laboratorio di Struttura Molecolare.

Attività di insegnamento

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Insegna Genetica Medica nei seguenti corsi di laurea:

- “Medicina e Chirurgia” dal 2020, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Odontoiatria e protesi dentaria” dal 2022, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Logopedia” dal 2022, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Biotecnologie Mediche” dal 2022, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Assistenza Sanitaria” dal 2022 al 2023, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Tecnica della riabilitazione psichiatrica” dal 2016 al 2023, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Psicologia” dal 2018 al 2019, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- “Igiene Dentale” dal 2019 al 2023, Università degli Studi di Trieste.

Insegna Terapie Innovative in Genetica Medica nei seguenti corsi di laurea:

- Medicina e Chirurgia” dal 2020, Università degli Studi di Trieste.

Insegna inoltre nei seguenti corsi:

- Corso di Dottorato in “Personalised Medicine and Innovative Therapies” dal 2018, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Scuola di Specializzazione in “Genetica Medica” (SSM18 and SSM22) dal 2016, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Scuola di Specializzazione in “Ginecologia e Ostetricia” (SSM06) dal 2019 al 2021, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Scuola di Specializzazione in “Endocrinologia and Malattie del Metabolismo” (SSM25) dal 2022, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Master di secondo livello in “Implantologia protesica uditiva” dal 2016 al 2021, Università di Roma “Sapienza”.
- Master in “Chirurgia oncoplastica della mammella” dal 2021, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Master in “Basic science in Audiology” dal 2021 al XXX, Università degli Studi di Torino e Padova.
- Master in “Scienze uditive dell'età evolutive” nel 2021, Università degli Studi di Perugia.
- Master in “Basic science in audiologia e foniatria” nel 2022, Centro ricerche e studi Amplifon.

Relatrice e correlatrice di tesi:

È stata relatrice e correlatrice delle seguenti tesi di laurea triennale, magistrale, a ciclo unico, di specializzazione e dottorato:

- 2022/2023: “Empowering critical neonatal care: the impact of Whole Exome Sequencing in urgent diagnoses”.
- 2021/2022: “Caratterizzazione di mutazioni somatiche associate alla progressione della stasi epatica a cirrosi ed epatocarcinoma”.
- 2021/2022: “Whole Exome Sequencing for the analysis of highly selected patients affected by Epileptic Encephalopathies and Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies”.
- 2021/2022: “High Throughput sequence technologies: a large study on hereditary hearing loss patients”.
- 2021/2022: “Endometriosis disease: novel genetic insights on a deeply clinical characterized Italian cohort”.
- 2021/2022: “Whole Genome Sequencing analysis and olfactory dysfunction: deep characterization of a highly selected cohort of COVID-19 patients”.
- 2020/2021: “Behind the scenes of complex models of inheritance: dual molecular diagnoses explain entangled clinical pictures”.
- 2020/2021: “Caratterizzazione genetica delle cardiomiopatie attraverso approcci di

- sequenziamento di nuova generazione”.
- 2020/2021: “Nuove scoperte sulla genetica della sindrome di Pendred: l'efficacia delle tecnologie di sequenziamento ad alto processamento e di una profonda valutazione clinica”.
 - 2020/2021: “Genetic dissection of Cloninger’s Temperament and Character Inventory in Italian isolates”.
 - 2020/2021: “Genetics bases of color vision defects in Silk Road isolated communities”.
 - 2019/2020: “Applicazioni cliniche del sequenziamento dell'intero esoma: identificazione di diagnosi molecolari doppie in pazienti affetti da ipoacusia”.
 - 2019/2020: “Identificazione e caratterizzazione funzionale di nuovi geni candidati e varianti associate a Sordità Ereditaria e Presbiacusia”.
 - 2019/2020: “Human Knockouts e analisi fenotipica negli isolati genetici”.
 - 2018/2019: “The sense of Smell: Genomic studies of Human Knockouts”.
 - 2018/2019: “High-throughput data analysis of hearing phenotypes on 9000 subjects from ten cohorts and in 200.000 individuals from UK Biobank”.
 - 2018/2019: “Studi di genomica: il ruolo degli Human Knockouts nell'era della medicina di precisione”.
 - 2017/2018: “Tecnologie di sequenziamento di nuova generazione per la caratterizzazione molecolare di casi sindromici con fenotipo uditivo”.
 - 2016/2017: “Age related hearing loss: in vitro and in vivo studies to characterize new candidate genes”.
 - 2016/2017: “Studio prospettico della funzione uditiva e della presbiacusia in popolazioni geneticamente isolate”.
 - 2015/2016: “Identification of New Hereditary Hearing Loss Genes Using High-Throughput Sequencing Technologies”.
 - 2013/2014: “Usher syndrome: clinical features and molecular analysis using targeted resequencing - Sindrome di Usher: aspetti clinici e molecolari con utilizzo di tecnologia targeted resequencing”.

Altri incarichi in ambito accademico:

- Membro del Consiglio Didattico del Corso di Dottorato in “Personalised Medicine and Innovative Therapies” dal 2018, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste. Organizzatrice della “PhD Week” dal 2018.
- Membro del Consiglio Didattico della Scuola di Specializzazione in “Genetica Medica” (SSM18 and SSM22), dal 2018, Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Membro della Commissione di discussione della tesi di laurea in diverse sessioni, nei seguenti corsi di laurea: Medicina, Biologia, Biotecnologie, Biotecnologie Mediche e Genomica Funzionale.
- Delegato per l'area Linguistica dal 2017 al 2021 presso il Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste.
- Delegato per la Commissione Ricerca dal 2021 presso il Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste.

Altri incarichi

- Organizzatrice della spedizione scientifica "Geni Friulani nel Mondo, Brasile 2020"
- Organizzatrice del “Symposium & 57th Inner Ear Biology Workshop – IEB 2022” (10-13/09/2022, Trieste, Italia).
- Componente del Comitato Scientifico della Onlus “Cinzia Vitale” dal 2022
- Membro dei seguenti gruppi di lavoro della Società Italiana di Genetica Umana (SIGU)
 - “Scienze omiche e citogenomica, genetica prenatale e riproduttiva”.
 - “Malattie Multifattoriali”.
- Guest Editor per il numero speciale della rivista scientifica “Genes” dal titolo: “Genetics and Epigenetics of Hearing Loss”, from 2020 to 2021.
- Guest Editor per il numero speciale della rivista scientifica “Audiology Research” dal titolo: “Genetics of Hearing Loss—Volume II”, from 2023.
- Membro del Comitato Scientifico di HUGO meeting 2024

Finanziamenti

- 2015: Finanziamento Scientific Independence of Young Researchers (SIR) (RBSI14AG8P). Titolo del progetto: "Age-related hearing loss: from gene identification to a better molecular diagnosis and prevention" (Ruolo: PI).
- 2016: Finanziamento Junior Scientists Research Experience Program (JSREP07-013-3-006). Titolo del progetto: "Age-related hearing loss in Qatar: a genomic approach to identify causative genes" (Ruolo: PI).
- 2019: Fondazione Beneficentia Stiftung. Titolo del progetto: "Hereditary Hearing Loss: new genes discovery for a preventive strategy and the development of new therapeutic targets" (Ruolo: PI).
- 2019: Progetto MIUR "SENSAGING project "Sensory decays and ageing" (2019-2022) (Ruolo: partecipante).
- 2020: Finanziamento dal titolo "Hearing loss: from genes identification to personalized diagnosis and treatments" vinto presso il Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche, Chirurgiche e della Salute, Università degli Studi di Trieste (Ruolo: PI).
- 2020: Progetto ENDO-2020-23670288 dal titolo "Endometriosis: Pathogenesis of endometriosis: the role of genes, inflammation and environment" presso l'IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, Trieste, Italia (Ruolo: PI).
- 2021: D70-FRA-2021 (Università degli Studi di Trieste).
- 2021: Progetto RC-02-2021 intitolato "A unique cohort to study mechanisms underlying sex differences in cardiometabolic diseases", presso l'IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, Trieste, Italia (Ruolo: PI).
- 2021: Progetto RF-2021-12374963 intitolato "Less genes more genomes: modeling the implementation of integrative -OMICS as a first line tool in the clinical practice" presso l'Ospedale Pediatrico "Bambino Gesù", Roma, Italia (Ruolo: partecipante).
- 2022: Progetto PNRR-MR1-2022-12376811 intitolato "Implementation of a standardized workflow for a more effective management and care of patients with syndromic and isolated intellectual disability" presso l'Ospedale Pediatrico "Bambino Gesù", Roma, Italia (Ruolo: partecipante).

Collaborazioni nazionali ed internazionali

- Partecipazione al consorzio INGI sulle popolazioni geneticamente isolate.
- Collaborazioni con centri di ricerca internazionali per la generazione di modelli animali per studi funzionali sulle perdite uditive (King's college Londra, UK; MRC-Harwell, UK; Harvard Medical School-Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Dipartimento di Neurobiologia, Boston, USA; Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dipartimento di Patologia, Boston, USA).
- Collaborazione internazionale per lo studio delle perdite uditive della popolazione qatarina (Audiology and Balance Unit, and Molecular Genetics Laboratory and Laboratory of Medicine and Pathology, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar).
- Collaborazioni nazionali con colleghi afferenti a: Università di Milano, Fondazione IRCCS Cà Granda di Milano, Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico di Milano, Università "Cattolica" di Roma, Università degli Studi di Napoli, Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Genetica Medica di Cesena, Genetica Medica di Monza, Università di Bari, Ospedale S.Orsola-Malpighi di Bologna, Università di Ferrara, Università di Padova, IRCCS De Bellis di Castellana Grotte, Università dell'Insubria, Università di Verona, Università di Bologna, CNR, Ospedale di Cagliari.
- Partecipazione a Consorzi internazionali, quali: ICBP (International Consortium of Blood Pressure), CHARGE (Cohorts for Heart and Ageing Research in Genome Epidemiology), GIANT (The Genetic Investigation of Anthropometric Traits), The Visigen Consortium, AlcGen Consortium, CDKGen Consortium, The Reprogen consortium, CRP study, ALSPAC Consortium, CalciGen Consortium, Human Reproductive Behaviour Consortium, NeuroCHARGE Consortium, Dr.Sudha Seshadri (UT Health San Antonio), Dr. Galit Weinstein (Tel Aviv University).
- Collaborazione con il Professor Manuel Palacin (Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Barcelona, Spain) per l'identificazione di molecole in grado di promuovere l'espressione di un gene associato a sordità.
- Partecipazione alla stesura delle linee guida nazionale sugli impianti cocleari.

Partecipazione a convegni, seminari e congressi

- Partecipazione a più di otto corsi nazionali ed internazionali dal 2010, inerenti ai temi della genomica per lo studio delle malattie monogeniche e multifattoriali e il campo della statistica e bioinformatica;
- Partecipazione a più di 85 convegni e workshop nazionali ed internazionali dal 2009, inerenti ai temi della genetica medica, della biologia molecolare, della gestione e analisi dei dati di sequenziamento e dello sviluppo e l'implementazione di tecnologie di nuova generazione per l'indagine delle cause molecolari delle malattie genetiche. Nello specifico, sono stati presentati più di 30 lavori come primo o ultimo autore.
- Partecipazione a più di 16 convegni e workshop nazionali ed internazionali dal 2009 come relatore invitato o moderatore di sessione.
- Partecipazione a più di 11 seminari e sei corsi di master come relatore invitato.

Premi e riconoscimenti

Come primo autore

- Premio per il miglior poster presso l'European Meeting Conference 2011 (Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2011) per il poster dal titolo: "New genes for normal hearing function and age-related hearing loss by genome-wide association and expression studies".
- Premio per la migliore comunicazione orale in genetica clinica, in memoria di Claudio Castellan presso il congresso ESHG/SIGU 2014 (Milano, Italia). Titolo della presentazione: "New Hereditary hearing loss (HHL) genes/mutations identified by high throughput sequencing and genotyping in the Italian and Qatari populations".

Come co-autore o PI del progetto

- Primo premio nella categoria "Biomedicina" per la miglior presentazione orale presso il Qatar Foundation's first Annual Research Forum 2010. Titolo della presentazione: "Mutations in GJB2, GJB6 and mtDNA 1555 G>A explain only a minority of cases of Nonsyndromic Hearing Loss in the Qatari Population" (G. Girotto come co-autore della presentazione di Alkowari).
- Premio Spoendlin Junior Award presso il convegno Inner Ear Biology 2015 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Anna Morgan). Titolo della presentazione: "A new targeted re-sequencing panel for unveiling the the genetic causes of age-related hearing loss (ARHL).
- Premio per il miglior poster presso l'European Meeting Conference 2016 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Vuckovic D.). Titolo del poster: "Unravelling human complex traits: the case of hearing function and age related hearing loss".
- Premio per il miglior poster presso il congresso Molecular Biology of Hearing and Deafness (MBHD) 2016 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Anna Morgan). Titolo della presentazione: "Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS), Targeted Re-Sequencing (TRS) and Functional Studies: a powerful approach for the discovery of the genetic causes of Age-Related Hearing Loss (ARHL)".
- Premio "Travel Award" presso l'ARO 39th Annual MidWinter Meeting (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Anna Morgan). Titolo della presentazione: "Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS), Target- ed Re-sequencing (TRS) and Functional Validations for Unravelling Human Complex Traits: The Case of Hearing Function and Age Related Hearing Loss"
- Premio SIGU 2020 per la miglior comunicazione orale (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Anna Morgan). Titolo della presentazione: " Multiplex Ligation Probe Amplification (MLPA) and Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) revealed new alleles/genes in a subset of 214 Italian families affected by Non-Syndromic Hearing Loss (NSHL)".
- Premio per il miglior contributo scientifico in genetica clinica, in memoria di Claudio Castellan, al congresso SIGU 2021 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Anna Morgan). Titolo della presentazione: "Clinical application of Whole Exome Sequencing (WES): identification of dual molecular diagnoses in patients affected by Hearing Loss (HL)".
- Premio per il miglior contributo sulle malattie complesse, in memoria di Giuseppe Pilia, al congresso SIGU 2021 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Maria Pina Concas). Titolo della presentazione: "Normal Hearing Function (NHF) and Age-Related Hearing Loss (ARHL): new candidate genes identification from

Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS) in Moli-sani cohort”.

- Premio per il miglior contributo sulle malattie complesse, in memoria di Giuseppe Pilia, al congresso SIGU 2022 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Aurora Santin). Titolo della presentazione: “Normal Hearing Function (NHF) and Age-Related Hearing Loss (ARHL): new candidate genes identification from Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS) in Moli-sani cohort”.
- Spöndlin Junior Award 2022 al congresso Inner Ear Biology (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Beatrice Spedicati). Titolo della presentazione: “Dual molecular diagnosis in complex hearing loss patients: when a single gene is not enough”.
- Premio per il miglior poster al congresso ESHG 2023 (G. Girotto come PI del lavoro presentato da Paola Tesolin). Titolo del poster: “Repurposing drugs to treat *SLC7A8* age-related hearing loss”.

Stesura di capitoli in libri

- Consulente scientifico per i libri di testo “Futuri scienziati” e “Accademia delle scienze” (Flaccavento-Romano, Fabbri Editori 2012).
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- Capitolo dal titolo “Genetics of Hearing Loss (from Congenital Forms to Presbycusis)” Dipresa S, Fabretto A, Girotto G, Zadro C, Gasparini P, nel libro Dupont, JP, editor. Hearing loss: Classification, Causes and Treatment. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Science Publishers; 2011.
- Capitolo del libro: Ambrosetti U, Castorina P, Gasparini P, Girotto G. “Sordità da cause genetiche”. Pubblicato da editore Ambrosetti U. in “Audiologia protesica”. Torino, Italia: Edizioni Minerva Medica; 2018.
- Capitolo del libro: Morgan A, Gasparini P, Girotto G. “Hearing loss”. Pubblicato da Lázaro C, Lerner-Ellis J, Spurdle, A. in “Clinical DNA Variant Interpretation: Theory and Practice” a book in the series “Translational and Applied Genomics”. Amsterdam: Elsevier/Academic Press; 2021.
- Capitolo del libro: “Guida per cervelli affamati. Perché da bambini odiamo le verdure e altri misteri neurogastronomici che ci rendono umani”. Pubblicato da C. Rossi SE in “Il Saggiatore”; 2021.

Attività di divulgazione

Rilascio di numerose interviste per quotidiani locali e nazionali (ad es. Il Piccolo, 24oreNews.it, ilFriuli.it, triestecafe.it), radio, canali televisivi (ad es. Oggi Scienza TV, Rai 3 Scienza, La Repubblica, Il Giornale dei Biologi, Il Bo Live UniPD, Mercurio Associazione Economica Italo-Tedesca)

- 2021: “Trieste Next: spazio 13. Endometriosi, genetica e ambiente. Nuovi scenari per la diagnosi e la cura” (Trieste, Italia).
- 2021: Relatrice all’evento Premio Papa Ernest Hemingway durante la sessione “L’Approfondimento” (Caorle, Italia).
- 2022: Intervista per il giornale “La Stampa - Tutto Scienze”. Titolo: “Perché la tentazione del genio è un’illusione pericolosa?”.
- 2022: Intervista per la rubrica “Scienza” del Piccolo di Trieste.
- 2022: Relatrice presso il “Trieste Science+Fiction Festival”. Titolo della presentazione: “Eugenetica e genismo: fiction o realtà?” (Trieste, Italia).

Inoltre, ha partecipato attivamente ad eventi pubblici, fra cui:

- Eventi sociali locali
- Eventi sportivi sponsorizzati.
- Eventi di beneficenza e raccolta fondi.
- Festival della scienza.

Pubblicazioni

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