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Personal data

Date and place of birth: April 14th, 1954 – Brescia, Italy
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Studies and Qualifications

2013 – 2016: Director of the Institute of Life Sciences
2007 – : Full professor of Genetics at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Pisa, Italy
2007 – 2009: Vice president of the Italian Society of Agricultural Genetics (SIGA)
2005: National coordinator of the French-Italian initiative for the structural and functional characterization of the grapevine genome (VIGNA)
2000 – 2002: In the Board of the Italian Association of Genetics (AGI)
2000: Associate professor of Agricultural Genetics at University of Milan, Italy
1999: Visiting scientist at University of California San Diego
1997: Visiting scientist of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery of Japan at the Rice Genome Project, Tsukuba, Japan
1994-1996 Scientific advisor in Genetics and Molecular Biology at the Center of the Indonesian National Institute for the Development and Application of Biotechnology, Serpong, Indonesia
1986: Assistant professor of Genetics at the University of Milan, Italy

Teaching Experience

A long standing teaching activity in the field of Genetics, Plant Genetics, Plant Breeding, Plant Genomics, including both introductory and advanced courses.

Research activity

Prof. M. Enrico Pè research activity involves two major areas, each represented by complementary research lines.

Genetic basis of complex traits in cereals

1. *Studies on the genetic control of yield and yield components in cereals*
2. *Applying genetics and genomics for the analysis of genome structure in cereals and the dissection of complex traits in mendelian factors*
3. *Genetic and molecular analysis of heterosis in maize*
4. *Characterization and exploitation of genetic resources in cereals and in orphan crops*

Structural and functional characterization of non-coding RNAs

1. *Structural and functional characterization of microRNAs and other non-coding RNAs*
2. *The role of non-coding RNAs in plant response to drought*

Relevant Publications

Baute J, Herman D, Coppens F, De Block J, Slabbinck B, Dell’Acqua M, Pè ME, Maere S, Nelissen H, Inzé D (2016) Combined large-scale phenotyping and transcriptomics in maize reveals a robust growth regulatory network. *Plant Phys*: DOI:10.1104/pp.15.01883
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