

## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

### **Prof. Paolo Di Francesco**

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#### **Scientific and Research Experiences**

1980-84 Institute of Virology, Department of Health, ISS, Rome, Italy  
Study of the antiviral action of interferons.

1985-today Department of Experimental Medicine and Biochemical Sciences,  
Microbiology section, University of Rome Tor Vergata  
- Studies of new antiviral agents.  
- Infections of the immunocompromised host.  
- Alterations of immune responses to infections in experimental animal  
models treated with drugs of abuse.

#### **Position Held**

1981-83 Scholarship holder at Italian National Research Council, CNR, Rome,  
Italy

1984-92 Researcher at the Institute of Microbiology of the University of Rome  
Tor Vergata.

1993-2000 Associate Professor of Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine and  
Surgery of the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

2001- today Full Professor of Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine and  
Surgery of the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

#### **Main Research Interests**

- The interactions between microorganisms and host.
- The mechanisms of natural and acquired immune defences against  
microbial and viral agents.
- The development of new therapeutic approach to infectious diseases.

Professor Di Francesco's scientific works are evidenced in 80 papers published in national and international journals. He also presented the results of his work as an invited speaker at many national and international meetings. He is scientific coordinator of research projects for Italian National Research Council, CNR, and Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic on the interactions between immune system and susceptibility to infections.