

CURRICULUM VITAE OF PROF. ALBERTO DI DONATO

- 1949 25 January - Born in Naples.
- 1972 21 July - "Laurea" (PhD equivalent) in Chemistry "summa cum laude".
- 1972 September - "Assistente Incaricato" of Biological Chemistry, University of Naples.
- 1973 January - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche postdoctoral fellow, University of Naples.
- 1975 April - Research Associate, University of Naples.
- 1977 May - Guest at the Pasteur Institute, Paris.
- 1979 January - Professor In charge of Biological Chemistry (1979-1985), University of Naples.
- 1980 June - Guest at the Stein & Moore Laboratory, The Rockefeller University, New York.
- 1981 July - Visiting Assistant Professor at The Rockefeller University, New York, (3 months).
- 1981 - Senior Research Associate, University of Naples.
- 1982 January - Professor of Biochemistry, National Somali University.
- 1982 July - Visiting Assistant Professor at The Rockefeller University, New York, (3 months).
- 1985 July - Associate Professor of Biological Chemistry, University of Naples.
- 1985 August - Visiting Associate Professor at The Rockefeller University, New York, (1 year).
- 1986 November - Adjunct Faculty Member at The Rockefeller University.
- 1989-1999 - Professor of Techniques of Protein Engineering at the Specialization School of Biotechnology, University of Naples Federico II.
- 1990 November - Professor of Biological Chemistry, University of Naples Federico II.
- 1993 June - Visiting Professor at Harvard Medical School, Boston (Prof. Bert. L. Vallee's laboratory).
- 2000 - 2006 - Member of the FEBS (Federation of European Societies of Biochemistry) Fellowship Committee
- 2001- - Professor of Basic Chemistry at the University S. Orsola Benincasa

Academic duties

- 1996-2007 - Member of the Academic Senate of the University of Naples Federico II.
- 1993-1997 - Director of the Advanced School of Biotechnology, University of Naples Federico II.
- 1997-1999 - Director of the Diploma Course of Chemical and Biological Analyses of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II.
- 1999- 2001 - President of the Laurea Course in Biological Sciences (II) of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II.
- 1999-2007 - President of the Research Committee of the Academic Senate of the University of Naples

- 2006- - Federico II
President of the trilateral Committee between the Compagnia di San Paolo, Istituto Banco di Napoli - Fondazione and the University of Naples Federico II.
- 2001-2007 - Dean of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II.
- 2007-2008 - President of OPAR (Permanent Observatory of the Research Activity) of the University of Naples Federico II.
- 2008-2009 - Delegate of the Rector for Research Activities
- 2008-2010 - Member of the Executive Office of the University Center for Information Services of the University of Naples Federico II.
- 2010 (December)-2012 Director of Center for Communication and Innovation (COINOR), University of Naples Federico II.
- 2012 (October)-2016 Member of Management Board of the University of Naples Federico II.

Non-academic duties

- 2003-2005 - President of the Board of Trustees for the promotion of scientific research in Campania
- 2006- to date - Member of the Scientific Committee of Biogem s.c.a.r.l.
- 2007-2008 - Member of the Executive Office of the Fondazione IDIS-Città della Scienza
- 2008-2010 - President of Città della Scienza SpA
- 2008- to date - Member of the Executive Office of Bioteknet SCpA

Awards

- 2006- - Premio Dorso for the promotion of Science in the South of Italy

Scientific profile: Prof. Di Donato has focused his research themes on the structure-to-function relationships in proteins. Some representative scientific research themes are:

- Structure and enzymology of bovine nucleases;
- Production of ribonucleases with pharmacological potential by means of protein engineering;
- Functional and structural properties of HbA and HbS;
- Identification and isolation of amino acid and peptide neuro-effectors;
- PLP-enzymes from eukaryotes and prokaryotes;
- RIP (ribosome inactivating proteins) as potential biopesticides;
- antimicrobial peptides.

More recently Prof. Di Donato and his research group scientific interest has moved to environmental themes, using proteomic approaches. Representative research themes are:

- Oxygenase complexes and their use in the bioremediation of contaminations by chemical compounds;
- Use of enzymes and microbial cells for biotransformation processes based on waste treatment.

Memberships: Since 2020 Prof. Di Donato is Emeritus Professor of

Biochemistry.

In 2006 Professor Di Donato has been awarded of Premio Dorso for the promotion of scientific research in the South of Italy.

Since 2003 he is Member of the "Accademia Nazionale di Scienze Lettere e Arti". Since 2017 he is resident member of the Natural Sciences Section Sezione di Scienze Naturali, and since 2019 he is Resident member "Accademia Nazionale di Scienze Lettere e Arti".

Prof. Di Donato is a member of the Italian Society of Biochemistry, the Italian Society of Chemistry, the Harvey Society (USA) and the Protein Society (USA).

Between 1995 and 2000 he has been a member of the Executive Board of the Italian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

In 1999 he served as Delegate of the at the European Federation of Biotechnology. During 2000 and 2005 he served as a Member of the Fellowship Committee of the European Federation of Biotechnology (FEBS).

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