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**Place and Birthday:** Cremona, 18.3.1962

**EDUCATION**

**1995 Specialization** in Clinical Biochemistry cum laude, University of Pavia.

**1992 Doctoral Degree** Doctoral Degree in Biochemistry, Department of Biochemistry, University of Pavia and Genoa, Italy.

**1987 Degree** in Medicine and Surgery cum laude, University of Pavia, Italy.

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

Graduate student, Medical School University of Munich (Germany) (1982)

Research Fellow, Chemical Morphology University of Manchester (UK) (1990)

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

(2011-present) Full Professor of biochemistry, DSCM, University of Insubria, Varese, School of Medicine

(2008-2011) Full Professor of biochemistry, DSBSC, University of Insubria, Varese, School of Medicine

(2001-2007) Associate Professor, DSBSC, University of Insubria, Varese, School of Medicine

(1998-2001) Assistant Professor, DSBSC, University of Insubria, Varese, School of Medicine.

(1992-1998) Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Pavia, School of Medicine.

(1990-1998) Instructor of Biochemistry and Applied Biochemistry, University of Pavia School of Medicine.

(1998-present) Instructor of Biochemistry and Applied Biochemistry, University of Pavia School of Medicine.

**EXPERIENCE**

**Research Scholar** Cleveland Clinic Foundation (OH– USA) (2000-2001)

**Postdoctoral fellow** Department of Biochemistry University of Pavia (1991-1992)

**Ph.D. student** Department of Biochemistry University of Pavia and Genoa (1988-1991)

**Military Service** Military Service in Italian Air Force (Military Mountain Air Rescue) (1987-88).

**CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS**

Emergency service (1989-1992)

**SOCIETIES**

Italian Biochemistry Society (1990-present)

Italian Connective Tissue Society (1990-present).

International Society of Matrix Biology (1998-present)

American Society for Matrix Biology (2003-present)

American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2006-present)

International Society for Hyaluronan Sciences (ISHAS) – board of trustees

**AWARDS**

Hellenic Biochemistry Society Award (2009)

National Fellowship Biochemical Society (University of Manchester-1990)

*Alumnus* of Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia, (1981-1987)

**BOARD CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

1988, Italian Medical Association.

## ACADEMIC RESPONSABILITIES

Dean of Sport Sciences Faculty (2008-16) (University of Insubria)

Director of Biotechnology Centre for Human Health (2009-15) (University of Insubria)

Director of Interdepartmental Centre for Applied Sport Sciences (CRISMA) (2016-present) (University of Insubria)

Scientific advisor of Greek Minister of University and Religious Affairs

Component of the board of "CUS (centre of university sports) dei Laghi" (Varese-Como)

Component of the "Scientific committee of Regional Sport School-CONI" (Milano)

Scientific advisor of Patras University, Heraklion University, Kapodistrian University (Athens).

## JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Editor Journal of Biological Chemistry (2011-2016)
- Associate Editor Connective Tissue Research
- Academic editor Plos ONE
- Editor Open Biology Journal
- Editor of Frontiers in membrane physiology and biophysics

## INTERNATIONAL MEETING ATTENDANCE in the last 10 years

1. Gordon Conference on Proteoglycans, Andover NH USA, 2006
2. XX FECTS Meeting, Oulu (Finland) 2006 (**selected talk**)
3. Hyaluronan 2007, Charleston (SC-USA) (**selected talk**)
4. FEBS Selected Course, Matrix Pathobiology, Patras (Greece) May 2007 (**invited speaker**)
5. Carla Workshop of Fabre Laboratories, Soreze (France) 2007 (**invited speaker**)
6. 4th Finnish Glycoscience Symposium, Rautavaara (Finland) 2007 (**invited speaker**)
7. Gordon Conference on Proteoglycans, Andover NH USA, 2008 (**invited speaker**)
8. FEBS-IUMB Athens (GREECE) 2008 (**selected talk**)
9. International Conference on Cancer, Heraklion (Greece) 2008. (**Invited speaker**)
10. FEBS Selected Course, Matrix Pathobiology, Patras (Greece) July 2009 (**invited speaker**)
11. Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Extracellular matrix club: national meeting Patras (Greece) July 2009 (**invited speaker**).
12. Hyaluronan 2010, Kyoto (Japan) June 2010 (**invited speaker**)
13. Gordon Conference on Proteoglycans, Andover NH USA, 2010
14. 8th Finnish Glycoscience Symposium, Kuopio (Finland) 2010 (**invited speaker**)
15. Experimental Biology Meeting EB 2011, Washington (USA)
16. FEBS Selected Course, Matrix Pathobiology, Spetses (Greece) September 2011 (**invited speaker**)
17. Experimental Biology Meeting EB 2012, San Diego (USA)
18. Brazilian Society of Biochemistry meeting –SBBq Foz Uguazù (Brazil) 2012 (**Invited speaker**)
19. EB 2013 in Glycobiology workshop Boston (MA USA) (**selected speaker**)
20. Hyaluronan 2013 Oklahoma City (OK – USA) (**invited speaker**)
21. Proteoglycans 2013 Intl. Meeting (Frankfurt – Germany) (**invited speaker**)
22. FEBS Selected Course, Matrix Pathobiology, Kos (Greece) 2013 (**invited speaker**)
23. Symposium "Targeting Hyaluronan in Pathophysiology and Disease" Duesseldorf (Germany) 2014 (**invited speaker**)
24. Gordon Conference on Proteoglycans, Andover NH USA, 2014 (**invited speaker**)
25. Hyaluronan 2015, Florence 2015 (**organizer**)
26. 9th International Conference on Proteoglycans and 10th Pan-Pacific Connective Tissue Societies Symposium, Seoul (South Korea) 2015

27. XXIII Glyko meeting Split (Croatia) 2015 (**invited speaker**)
28. 5th FEBS Advanced Lecture Course Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling and Molecular Targets Rhodes (Greece) 2015, (**invited speaker**)
29. 2<sup>nd</sup> MBE European Matrix biology Meeting Athens (Greece) 2016 (**Invited speaker**)
30. Gordon Conference on Proteoglycans Andover NH (USA) 2016 (**selected speaker**)

### **Research funds**

1990-present. University FAR.  
 1991-93 Fonds from CNR and MURST for “Progetto finalizzato invecchiamento”.  
 1993-95. Regional funds for scientific research.  
 1996. CNR funds for scientific research (Edema project).  
 1997-1998 National Project “Proteoglycan metabolism in normal and pathologic conditions”  
 1998. CNR funds for “Lung proteoglycans”.  
 2000-2002: National funds of excellence (PRIN): MMP and matrix  
 2002-2004: National funds of excellence (PRIN): Hyaluronan in cancer  
 2003-2004: National funds of excellence: Plasma MMPs and collagen peptides  
 2004-2005: Special funds for Biotechnology: “Cloning of UDPglucose DH from *X.Laevis* and his role in embryogenesis and his biochemical characterization in eukaryotic cells”.  
 2012-2014 IRSES, EU funds FP7: progetto “INFLAMA” n° 2475126, Project leader and European responsible.  
 2015-2017 RISE, EU funds Horizon 2020: progetto “Glycanc” participant

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

A. Passi is author of 106 peer reviewed papers (Scopus Scholar) more than 60 international meetings presenting about 40 talks. His h-index is 27 (Scopus Scholar) or 32 (Google scholar with 164 publications). He also gave several seminars in international institutions as University of Bern (Switzerland), NY University (USA), University of Harvard (USA), Cleveland Clinic Foundation (USA), Open University (UK), University of Kuopio (Finland), Uppsala University (Sweden), Patras University (Greece), Muenster University (Germany), Heinrich Heine University Duesseldorf (Germany), University of Warsaw (Poland).

### **PRINCIPAL PAPERS last 10 years**

1. Viola M, Karousou E, D'Angelo ML, Moretto P, Caon I, De Luca G, Passi A, Vigetti D. Extracellular Matrix in Atherosclerosis: Hyaluronan and Proteoglycans Insights. **Curr Med Chem.** 2016;23(26):2958-2971.
2. Karousou E, Misra S, Ghatak S, Dobra K, Götte M, Vigetti D, Passi A, Karamanos NK, Skandalis SS. Roles and targeting of the HAS/hyaluronan/CD44 molecular system in cancer. **Matrix Biol.** 2016 Oct 13. pii: S0945-053X(16)30170-6.
3. Viola M, Brüggemann K, Karousou E, Caon I, Caravà E, Vigetti D, Greve B, Stock C, De Luca G, Passi A, Götte M. MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell viability, motility and matrix adhesion are regulated by a complex interplay of heparan sulfate, chondroitin-/dermatan sulfate and hyaluronan biosynthesis. **Glycoconj J.** 2016.
4. Kouvidi K, Berdiaki A, Tzardi M, Karousou E, Passi A, Nikitovic D, Tzanakakis GN. Receptor for hyaluronic acid- mediated motility (RHAMM) regulates HT1080 fibrosarcoma cell proliferation via a  $\beta$ -catenin/c-myc signaling axis. **Biochim Biophys Acta.** 2016 Apr;1860(4):814-24.

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6. Viola M, Karousou E, D'Angelo ML, Caon I, De Luca G, Passi A, Vigetti D. Regulated Hyaluronan Synthesis by Vascular Cells. **Int J Cell Biol.**2015; 2015:208303.
7. Viola M, Vigetti D, Karousou E, D'Angelo ML, Caon I, Moretto P, De Luca G, Passi A. Biology and biotechnology of hyaluronan. **Glycoconj J.** 2015 May; 32(3-4):93-103.
8. Marcozzi C, Moriondo A, Solari E, Reguzzoni M, Severgnini P, Protasoni M, Passi A, Pelosi P, Negrini D. Regional lung tissue changes with mechanical ventilation and fluid load. **Exp Lung Res.** 2015 May;41(4):228-40.
9. Moretto P, Karousou E, Viola M, Caon I, D'Angelo ML, De Luca G, Passi A, Vigetti D. Regulation of hyaluronan synthesis in vascular diseases and diabetes. **J Diabetes Res.** 2015;2015:167283.
10. Vigetti D, Karousou E, Viola M, Passi A. Analysis of hyaluronan synthase activity. **Methods Mol Biol.** 2015;1229:201-8. doi: 10.1007/978-1-4939-1714-3\_18.PubMed PMID: 25325955.
11. Karousou E, Asimakopoulou AP, Zafeiropoulou V, Viola M, Monti L, Rossi A, Passi A, Karamanos N. Fast screening of glycosaminoglycan disaccharides by fluorophore-assisted carbohydrate electrophoresis (FACE): applications to biologic samples and pharmaceutical formulations. **Methods Mol Biol.**2015;1229:143-59. doi: 10.1007/978-1-4939-1714-3\_14. PubMed PMID: 25325951.
12. Karamanos NK, Passi A. Novel insights into matrix pathobiology regulatory mechanisms in health and disease. **FEBS J.** 2014 Nov;281(22):4978-9. doi:10.1111/febs.13106. Epub 2014 Nov 6. PubMed PMID: 25302642
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17. Nikitovic D, Kouvidi K, Voudouri K, Berdiaki A, Karousou E, Passi A, Tzanakakis GN. The Motile Breast Cancer Phenotype Roles of Proteoglycans/Glycosaminoglycans. **Biomed Res Int.** 2014;2014:124321. Epub 2014 Jul 22. Review. PubMed PMID: 25140302; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4129668.
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- macromolecules, proteasome activity and functional properties of endothelial cells. **Biochim Biophys Acta**. 2014 Feb 26. pii:S0304-4165(14)00080-4. doi: 10.1016/j.bbagen.2014.02.019.
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