

Brief CV

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PROFILE

Over 8 years experience in international cooperation and science management; development, implementation and coordination of international collaborative research programs, cross- disciplinary projects, platforms and networks engaging all relevant stakeholders; public-private partnerships; organization of capacity building and training activities; international conferences and workshops; public engagement, dissemination and outreach activities

Very broad background in life and biomedical sciences (from bench to bedside): biotechnology; cancer; cell biology; clinical trials; HIV/AIDS; immunology and immunogenetics; molecular therapeutics; nanotechnology; pediatric research; personalized medicine; rare diseases; regenerative medicine; stem cell biology; tissue engineering; translational research

Scientific review organization, coordination and oversight of the European Science Foundation's portfolio of grants in biomedicine.

Grant reviewer for the European Commission 6th and 7th Framework Programs

Editorial and publishing experience as Founding Editor of the journal *Cancer Cell* (first impactfactor: 18.9)

International research and management experience as biomedical scientist and clinical trial investigator with grants, patents, technology transfer and consultancies.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Strategic Coordinator, UCL Centre for Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine, University College London, London, UK (2008-2012)

Coordinator, European Collaborative Research Program in Medical Sciences, European Science Foundation, Strasbourg, France (2004-2007).

Founding Editor, *Cancer Cell*, Cell Press-Elsevier, Cambridge, USA (first impact factor: 18.9) and Member of the Cell Press Management Team (2001-2003).

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Kimmel Cancer Center, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA (1994-2001).

Research Associate, Dept. of Pathology and Cell Biology, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA (1992-1994).

Scientist, Institute Cochin of Molecular Genetics - INSERM U129, Paris, France (1991-1992).

Scientist, French National Agency for AIDS Research (ANRS), Paris, France (1989-1991).

Biochemist, First Argentine Center of Immunogenetics (PRICAI), Buenos Aires, Argentina.(1984-1985)

EDUCATION

PhD in Chemical Sciences, Institute of Biochemical Research "Fundacion Campomar," University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Doctoral thesis on breast cancer biology. (1985-1989)

Residency in Immunology and Immunogenetics, University Hospital "General San Martín" - University of Buenos Aires. Argentina (1984)

Biochemist, Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina (1978-1983)

LANGUAGES

Excellent command of spoken and written English, French and Spanish (mother tongue)

Portuguese, Italian and Chinese Mandarin: intermediate level

SKILLS

International cooperation, project management, research coordination, strategy and policy

Building cross-disciplinary collaborations and platforms, engaging all relevant stakeholders

Strong managerial and organizational skills

Excellent communication (oral and writing) and editorial skills

Strong IT skills: Silva website design

CLINICAL TRIALS EXPERIENCE

Member, European Working Party on Sponsoring and Managing Clinical Trials, European Forum for Good Clinical Practice, Brussels, Belgium (2005-2008)

Coordinator, Pan-European Clinical Trials Programme, European Science Foundation, Strasbourg, France (2004-2007)

Co-Principal Investigator, FDA-approved clinical trials designed to test the safety and efficacy of autologous tumor cells cultured ex vivo with IGF-1R antisense DNA and encapsulated in diffusion chambers, implanted intra-abdominally in patients with recurrent malignant brain tumors, at the Kimmel Cancer Center and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Departments of Neurosurgery, Neurology, Pathology, Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Internal Medicine), Philadelphia, USA (1997-2001)

PUBLICATIONS

39 publications in international peer-reviewed journals: first author in 20 research articles published in peer reviewed journals, 6 review articles, 1 editorial

PATENTS

6 patents granted by the US Patent and Trademark Office, 4 by the World Intellectual Property Organization, 2 by the European Patent Office, 2 by the Japanese Patent Office, 2 by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and 2 by Intellectual Property Australia

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Technologies licensed to Schering-Plough, USA (2001-2011); Chiron Corporation, Emeryville, California, USA (1997-2000); Inex Pharmaceutical Corp., Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada (1997-1999); Lynx Therapeutics Inc, Hayward, California, USA (1994-1997); ImmunoGen Inc, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA (1996-2000)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Research Experience on Stem Cells in Europe (RESCUE) Society (since 2007)

European Working Party on Sponsoring and Managing Clinical Trials - European Forum for Good Clinical Practice, Brussels, Belgium (2005-2007)

European Working Party on Paediatric Research - European Forum for Good Clinical Practice, Brussels, Belgium (2005-2007)

Peer Review Working Group, European Science Foundation (2004-2007)

Database Task Force, European Science Foundation (2004-2006)

Women in Cancer Research, American Association for Cancer Research (1998-2001)

International Society for Insulin and Insulin-like Growth Factor Research (1995-2001)

Center for Apoptosis Research, Philadelphia, USA (1996-1999)

Cell Biology Program, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA (1996-1999)