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Speakers



Giovanni Serpelloni

Former Head of the Department of Antidrug Policies and Member of the National AIDS Commission. He was director of the Centre of Preventive Medicine and of the Substance Abuse Department at the Verona Local Health Unit n° 20 (ULSS 20). From 2003 to 2007 he has been also director of the Veneto Regional Observatory on Drug Abuse. He has carried out many different regional, national and European projects on AIDS, drug addiction and advanced informative systems for the healthcare data flow on behalf of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Welfare, the National Department of Anti-drug Policies, the European Commission and the Veneto Region.



Gilberto Gerra

Chief of the Drug Prevention and Health Branch at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). He managed the Parma Addiction Service office, establishing a number of collaborations with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the Columbia University, New York. He was Director of the Department for the Fight against illicit Drugs, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. He is member of the National Board of the Italian Society for Drug Addiction (S.I.T.D.) and the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD). Author and/or Co-Author of many articles in the field of psychobiology of substance abuse, psychoneuroendocrinology and clinical pharmacology.



Johnathan Lucas

Director of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI). He matured more than 30 years of international experience in the field of drug control strategies, crime prevention and criminal justice system. Prior to this, Dr. Lucas served as Chief of the Commissions, Secretariat Section, encompassing the functions of Secretary at the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. He was also Representative of the UNODC South African Regional Office, Pretoria (2004-2010). From 1998 to 2004 he was Secretary at the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the two principal UNICRI policy-making organs on drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice.



Raymond Yans

Since 2012, President of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), in which he has served since 2007. He was Chairman of the European Union Drug Policy Cooperation Working Group during the Belgian Presidency of the European Union; charged with the national coordination of the ratification and implementation process of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (1995-1998); he was liaison of the Anti-drug Unity at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1995-1999 and 2003-2007) and Member of the Belgian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1995-2007). He was also Chairman of the Dublin Group (2002-2006).



Paul Griffiths

Scientific Director at the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). In his current role he is responsible for the overall coordination of the EMCDDA scientific work. In 2012, he received an award for excellence in International leadership by the US National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). He holds an honorary position as a Visiting Senior Lecturer in the Department of Addictions, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. He worked at the National Addiction Centre in London. He was senior epidemiologist at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) where his activities focused on the international monitoring of drug use. In 2003, he joined the EMCDDA, as Head of the Epidemiology Unit.



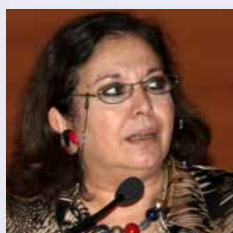
Roumen Sedefov

He is with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) since 2001 where currently holds the position of Head of the Unit, "Supply reduction and new trends". His main research field is the Early Warning System on New Psychoactive Substances at European level. Prior to joining the EMCDDA, he worked as an advisor to the European Commission for various drug projects mainly related to New Psychoactive Substances. He collaborated with the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen. A Bulgarian national, prior to his international assignments, Dr. Sedefov was active in treatment, research and policy development at national level.



Moira O'Brien

She is a Health Scientist Administrator in the Epidemiology Research Branch of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Since 2003, she has served as Project Officer for the NIDA Community Epidemiology Work Group (CEWG), a network of researchers from major US metropolitan areas reporting on the current epidemiology of drug abuse. In addition to CEWG activities, Ms. O'Brien's current responsibilities include stimulating and managing studies to: characterize the nature and extent of emerging and current drug abuse trends and identify associated health, social, and behavioral consequences; enhance the identification and monitoring of emerging trends and examine processes influencing the development and diffusion of new drug trends.



Teodora Macchia

Since 2009, coordinator of the bio-toxicological aspects of the National Early Warning System – Italian Department of Antidrug Policies. Research Manager and responsible for the control and research activity on drugs and narcotic substances at the Italian Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS). On behalf of the ISS she has been expert member on substances of abuse in the framework of several National and International Commissions/Working groups (e.g. UNICRI, Pompidou Group, Italian Consiglio Superiore di Sanità, EMCDDA, etc.). She has been lecturer in numerous training courses on the bio-toxicological aspects of addiction. Member of the Board of Professionals on drug addiction at the Italian Department of Antidrug Policies.



Björn Moosmann

Research Associate at the Institute of Forensic Medicine, Department of Forensic Toxicology, University Medical Centre Freiburg, Germany. His research interests are: hair analysis for detecting natural cannabinoids, various aspects of synthetic cannabinoids as well as designer-benzodiazepines. In 2011, he was awarded by the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) the "Young Scientist Award" for the identification of an analytical method to isolate synthetic cannabinoids from "Spice" products by using a flash chromatography system. He is the author of several scientific papers in various peer-reviewed journals on the above research areas.



Giampaetro Frison

I level Chemical Manager and Responsible of the Departmental Simple Operative Unit at the Venice Local Health Unit (ULSS 12 Veneziana) Environmental Hygiene and Forensic Toxicology Lab, Department of Prevention. He was scientific supervisor for several national and international research projects and lecturer in a number of university schools of specialization. Author of more than 60 publications published in both national and international scientific journals. He is member of the Italian Association of Forensic Toxicologists (GTFI), the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) and the European Society of Hair Testing (SOHT).

**Dariusz Zuba**

Associate Professor, Head of the Alcohol and Drugs Unit and Expert Witness in Toxicology of Alcohol, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances at the Department of Forensic Toxicology, Cracow, Poland. Permanent lecturer of Forensic Toxicology for judges, public prosecutors, police and other law enforcement agencies at the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution. Lecturer of forensic toxicology at the Faculty of Pharmacology, Jagiellonian University. Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Chemometrics and Metrology in Chemistry at the Committee on Analytical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences. He is also Member of the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT).

**Ettore Zuccato**

Since 2005, he has been Head of the Laboratory of Food Toxicology at the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, "Mario Negri" Institute for Pharmacological Research, Milan. Main research activities: nutrition safety and emerging environmental contaminants, pharmaceuticals and illicit drugs, in the light of their impact on ecosystems and human beings. His research team set up methods to estimate community-wide illicit drug consumption by using concentrations of drugs and their metabolites in wastewater. Expert of the EMA (European Medicines Agency) Scientific Committees and Member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides of the Italian Ministry of Health.

**Carlo Alessandro Locatelli**

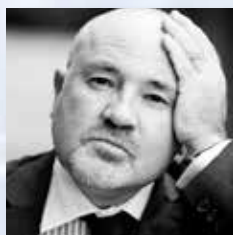
Responsible of the Pavia Poison Control Center at the National Center of Toxicological information – IRCSS "Salvatore Maugeri" Foundation. Physician and clinical toxicologist, he is in charge of coordinating all the clinical-toxicological aspects of the National Early Warning System - Italian Department of Antidrug Policies. He is President of the Italian Society for Toxicology. He is contact person for chemical emergencies at the Italian Ministry of Health. Author of numerous publications, works in-extenso and book chapters related to clinical toxicology. Speaker and lecturer in a number of courses and congresses on clinical toxicology specifically meant for physicians, pharmacists and professionals of the health sector.

**Karen Miotto**

Director of the Addiction Medicine Service at the "David Geffen" School of Medicine, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). She is also Clinical Professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA "David Geffen" School of Medicine. Clinical researcher mainly involved in the analysis and research on Pharmacologic treatments of drug addiction. She is currently carrying out a project on Evaluating Adverse Events for Smoking Cessation in Subjects With and Without a History of Psychiatric Disorders in the framework of a Global Smoking Cessation Study (EAGLES project).

**Simon Hill**

Consultant Physician based at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, specializing in acute and general medicine and toxicology. He is a Consultant Toxicologist working for the UK National Poisons Information Service. He is also an Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology at Newcastle University, UK and member of the UK National Early Warning Systems on New Psychoactive Substances. His research interests are: recreational drug use harms, clinical education and CBRN threats.



Fabrizio Schifano

Professor in Pharmacology and Clinical Therapy at the Health and Human Science Research Institute, University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom. Consultant for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD), the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Substance Misuse at the Royal College of Psychiatrist. He is member of the Mental Health Consideration Panel at the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). Research fields: analysis and dissemination of knowledge on New Psychoactive Substances (EU MADNESS project); analysis of NPS spread on the web, NPS consumers' profiles and online purchase methods.



Claudia Rimondo

Since 2007, operational coordinator and manager of the National Early Warning System (N.E.W.S.) – Department of Antidrug Policies. She is project manager in numerous local, regional, national and international research projects in the field of alcohol and drug use prevention carried out by the Verona Local Health Unit nr. 20 (ULSS 20) Addiction Department. For the Italian Department of Antidrug Policies, she is operational coordinator of numerous research projects in the field of the neuroscience of addiction and of several national networks on the theme of early diagnosis in collaboration with national and international scientific societies and with local authorities. Lecturer at the National School on Addiction, established by the Department of Antidrug Policies.



Klaudas Kuchalskis

He has Worked at Europol since 2005. Team Leader of the Project "Synergy" (combating synthetic drugs) which aims at supporting Member State investigations in combating organized criminal groups involved in the production and trafficking of synthetic drugs and their precursors. He is also dealing with the operational response to the phenomenon of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS). The "Synergy" project, carried out in cooperation with the EMCDDA, is part of the European Early warning System (EWS) on NPS specifically meant for Law Enforcement. From 1995 to 2005 he was Head of the Drug Control Unit of the Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau.



Vito Antonio Diomeda

Deputy commander of the Comando Carabinieri Tutela Salute, he manages 1 analytical Unit, 3 Health safety Units and 38 Health and Anti-food adulteration Units (NAS), operating in the field of food, health and occupational safety and contrasting the use of doping substances. Responsible of the National Criminal Investigation Service. University specialist in Clinical Criminology, he is military legal advisor on International law in armed conflicts. From 2009 to 2012, he was commander of the Foggia provincial Carabinieri command; from 2007 to 2009, he was Deputy commander of the Carabinieri Command "Senato", in Rome. He was honored with several decorations such as the Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana.



Enrico Cataldi

Commander of the Raggruppamento Carabinieri Investigazioni Scientifiche (RaCIS). From 2008 to 2011 he directed the Institute for Investigation techniques of the Arma dei Carabinieri. From 2007 to 2008, he was deputy commander of the Lazio regional Carabinieri Command. He worked as lecturer in domestic and international terrorism at both the Scuola Superiore delle Forze di Polizia and the Istituto Superiore di Tecniche Investigative dell'Arma dei Carabinieri. He is involved in several technical – scientific collaborations in the field of criminalistics and applied penal procedure within the Master Program in Forensic Sciences at the University of Tor Vergata (Rome), the University "Federico II" (Naples) and the University of Turin.



Germana Apuzzo

Director of the Central Bureau on Narcotic Substances at the General Directorate on Medical devices, pharmaceutical service and safety of treatments, Italian Ministry of Health which is the national authority responsible for narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and drug precursors. She is been on duty at the Ministry of Health since 1995 where he has held various responsibilities in the field of authorizing, inspection, control and pharmacovigilance activities.



Donald Hannah

Donald Hannah has been engaged by the Ministry of Health as the Manager of the New Regulators Establishment Unit. Implementing the Psychoactive Substances Act One is one of the regulatory regimes the unit is establishing. He was research leader at the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) and joined the new Environmental Risk Management Authority in 1997 as Science and Research Manager. He retired from the Environmental Protection Authority in 2013. He has represented New Zealand in a range of international fora including the OECD Environmental Health and Safety programme and several United Nations treaties and negotiations.



Ruri Kikura-Hanajiri

Chief of the Narcotic Section at the Division of Pharmacognocny, Phytochemistry and Narcotics, National Institute of Health Sciences in Japan. She is member of the Committee of Designated Substances (psychoactive substances controlled by the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law) held by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. In 2009, She was awarded the Yoshimura Researcher's Award for Forensic Toxicology from the Japanese Association of Forensic Toxicology. Currently her research is focused on the emergence of new psychoactive substances, their metabolism and disposition, and screening methods for the pharmacological activities of these new substances and psychotropic plants.



Michal Kidawa

Researcher at the Warsaw University of Social Science and Humanities (SWPS); he collaborates to the "I-TREND" project (Internet Tools for Research in Europe on New Drugs) meant for studying interdisciplinary and integrated approaches to substances (especially New Psychoactive Substances), users and markets. From 2004, he has been senior specialist in analyzes at the National Bureau for Drug Prevention, Ministry of Health, in which he acts as Member of Reitox National Focal Point and as Polish Early Warning System Unit coordinator. In 2013, Member of the expert team under the auspices of Ministry of Health, responsible for drafting new legal solutions on control of new psychoactive substances.



Marilyn A. Huestis

Tenured senior investigator and Chief, Chemistry and Drug Metabolism Section, at the NIDA, Intramural Research Program (IRP). Member of important US federal governmental agencies such as the first National Commission on Forensic Science, the Sports Medicine Research and Testing Laboratory Board of Directors at the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA), the White House Forensic Science Subcommittee. Her main research interests are mechanisms of action of cannabinoid agonists and antagonists, effects of in utero drug exposure, the neurobiology and pharmacokinetics of designer drugs and the new medication targets for cannabis dependence.



Matteo Marti

University Professor in Toxicology and Researcher in Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacognocny at the Department of Health Sciences and Biotechnologies (SvEB), University of Ferrara. He is Associate of the National Early Warning System – Italian Department of Antidrug Policies. Since 2012, he has been member of the Board of the PhD programme in Pharmacology and Molecular Oncology at the University of Ferrara. Collaborator and contact person for numerous national associations specialized in the employment of psychoactive substances in criminal groups and sects.



Michael Baumann

Staff Scientist at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Intramural Research Program (IRP). For more than two decades, he has carried out research studies to examine the biological effects of therapeutic and abused stimulant drugs. He has worked to establish a Designer Drug Research Unit (DDRU) at the NIDA's IRP with the aim of collecting, analyzing and disseminating current information about the pharmacology and toxicology of newly-emerging synthetic drugs of abuse. At present, his laboratory has determined the molecular mechanism of action for synthetic cathinone compounds found in psychoactive "bath salts". He works with partner organizations such as the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).



Sabina Strano Rossi

Researcher in Forensic Toxicology at the Institute of Legal Medicine, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, and Senior Analyst, responsible for the analysis of stimulants, drugs of abuse and research projects at the Antidoping Laboratory, Italian Medical Sport Federation (FMSI), Rome. She has developed a relevant experience in designing analytical methods for the detection of substances of abuse in various biological matrixes. She has experience in the analysis of seized narcotic substances coming from clandestine market and in the validation of analytical methods, in particular of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry methodologies.



Michele Brunetto

Works at the National Early Warning System of the Department of Antidrug Policies - Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. He is in charge of the monitoring of both web sites that commercialize illegal drugs and online spaces that promote illegal music events (e.g. rave parties) that are subsequently notified to law enforcement agencies. He is expert in communication and management of multimedia informative channels in the field of drug and alcohol use prevention among youngsters. He carried out exhaustive studies on the deep web and darknet. Author of scientific articles related to the sale of NPS on the web.



Giuseppe Valvo

Works at the National Early Warning System of the Department of Antidrug Policies - Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. He is in charge of the management of the output system communications and the drafting of technical documents shared with the network of the collaborating centres of the National Early Warning System, the Ministry of Health, the Italian Medicines Agency. He is in charge of the monitoring of web sites that commercialize illegal drugs. He carried out exhaustive studies on the deep web and darknet. Author of scientific articles related to the sale of NPS on the web.



Francesco Saggio

Commander of the Analytical Unit, Comando Carabinieri per la Tutela della Salute, engaged in the fight against the illicit traffic of drugs and doping substances. He collaborates with the National Department of Antidrug Policies in the activity of contrasting the online sale of new psychoactive substances. He took part in the carrying out of a project in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Economic Development, the Carabinieri NAS Unit, the Italian Medicines Agency, the Governmental Authority for the guarantee of Market and Competition and the Guardia di Finanza to contrast the e-commerce of pharmaceutical products. He coordinates the antidoping activity with 38 N. A. S. units across Italy.



Joe Van Buskirk

He joined the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre as a Research Officer in August 2011. He is currently the New South Wales (NSW) Coordinator for the Ecstasy and related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS) and runs the Drugs and New Technologies (DNeT) project investigating the online availability of illicit and emerging substances on surface and dark web marketplaces. He completed a Bachelor of Psychology in 2010 at the University of Sydney and his previous research areas have focused on Learning Theory and Cognitive Neuroscience.



Simon Lenton

Deputy Director at the Australian National Drug Research Institute, he works as a Clinical Psychologist in the field of drug addiction. He has published widely on drugs, health and the law and provided advice to a range of government and private organizations, both in Australia and internationally, on evidence based drug policy and other drug issues. Up until 2013 he was a deputy editor of the Drug and Alcohol Review. He is currently collaborating to a pilot study on "Silk Road" by analyzing the impact on consumption contexts and on damages derived by use of the illicit anonymous online drugs market. He is member of the panel of experts at the ACT Naloxone Trial Committee, and at the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Association (ATODA).



Franco Tagliaro

Responsible of the Legal Medicine Operative Unit at the Hospital of Verona, collaborative center of the National Early Warning System of the Department of Antidrug Policies. Representative of the Legal and Industrial Medicine Section at the Department of Public Health and Medicine, University of Verona. Professor in the School of specialization on Legal and Insurance Medicine, University of Verona. Member of the editorial board of important scientific journals (e.g. Forensic Science International, Forensic Science Journal, Medicine Science and The Law, Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Bulletin).



Pirkko Kriikku

Chemist and Research scientist, she is a PhD candidate in Forensic Chemistry with specific focus on "Toxicological abuse profile of designer drugs in driving-under-the-influence cases" at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Hjelt Institute, University of Helsinki. Member of the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) and of the Finnish Chemical Society. Her main research area is: Prevalence and blood concentrations of New Psychoactive Substances (2-DPMP, alcohol, Fenazepam, MDPV) in drivers suspected of driving under the influence of drugs and in post-mortem cases.



Maria Augusta Raggi

Full Professor in "Pharmaceutical Chemistry" at the School of Pharmacy, Biotechnologies and Motor Sciences, University of Bologna. She is actively involved in research activities in the field of detection of substances of abuse in biological tissues and in the field of chemical-toxicological and clinical analysis for the therapeutic monitoring of recent antipsychotic and antidepressant drugs. She is member of the editorial board of several scientific journals such as the Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis. She is author of more than 200 publications in International scientific Journals.

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Elisabetta Bertol

Full Professor in Forensic Toxicology at the University of Florence and Chairman of the Italian Association of Forensic Toxicologists (GTFI). Within the framework of the Forensic Toxicology Complex Operative Structure, at the Department of Legal Medicine, Florence University Hospital "Careggi", she works in the Autonomous Service of Toxicology. She also operates in other hospital wards in Florence. She collaborates with the Court of Florence, with the Prefecture of Florence and with the local medical commission for driving licenses. She is author of more than 150 publications on both national and international journals, 8 volumes and 2 monographs.



Maurizio Gomma

Medical manager, responsible of the Complex Operative Unit SerD (Drug Addiction Service) at the Verona Local Health Unit nr. 20 (ULSS 20). Member of the Technical Committee on Drug Addiction of the Department of Antidrug Policies – Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. Responsible of a number of regional research projects against drugs carried out in the framework of the Veneto Region Plan on the fight against drugs. He has managed research projects within the framework of the Department of Antidrug Policies – Presidency of the Council of Ministers' Project Plan. Lecturer in a number of courses such as the Veneto Region Training Plan on Addictions and the Italian School on Addiction of the Department of Antidrug Policies.



Giovanni Addolorato

Assistant Professor at the Internal Medicine Department, Catholic University of Rome and head for the Alcoholism Treatment Unit at the Institute of Internal Medicine, Gemelli Hospital. His research is focused on the pharmacological treatment of alcohol dependence, in particular on the role of GABAergic medications. He has also investigated several clinical aspects of chronic alcohol abuse, including nutritional and metabolic disorders, alcoholic liver disease and alcohol-related gastrointestinal disorders. He is member of the European Research Advisory Board (ERAB) and member of the National Anti-Drugs Commission of the Italian Department for Anti-drug Policies.



Pietro Soggiu

Lieutenant-General of the Guardia di Finanza, he managed the intelligence service against the drug trafficking and the smuggling of illegal goods. Director of the Central Anti-drug Service (1987-1995). Appointed Prefect in 1990, he constituted, organized and structured the new Central Directorate for Antidrug Services (DCSA), with the task of supervising drug contrasting activities and planning strategies aimed at fighting the drug dealing both at national and international level. He was Special Commissioner for the coordination of antidrug policies at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (2001-2004). He was personal advisor of the Undersecretary of State with mandate over drug contrasting.



Silvio Garattini

World-renowned Italian scientist, physician and professor in chemotherapy and pharmacology, Director and founder in 1963 of the "Mario Negri" Institute for Pharmacological Research, Milan. He holds numerous managerial tasks acting as President for the following organizations: the UICC Committee on Antitumoral Chemotherapy; the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC); the European Society of Biochemical Pharmacology; the Steering Advisory Group on Current Controlled Trials at the Research and Development Commission, Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA); Vice-president of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità. He held also a post as consultant in the World Health Organization.



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Catia Seri

Since 2010, she has been chemical consultant for the operative coordination at the National Early Warning System – Italian Department of Antidrug Policies. She is involved in the description of the analytical and pharmaco-toxicological aspects of new psychoactive substances. She has a previous long-standing research experience in design, synthesis, purification and characterization of new chemical entities. Since 2010, she has been also engaged in scientific communication in the field of addiction and drug use prevention through the drafting, supervision and publication of educational articles, published on several institutional portals.



Giordano Biserni

Chairman and founder of the “Supporters and Friends of the Highway patrol Association” (ASAPS) which is part of the National Board on Road Safety of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructures and Transports. He is contributor and editor in chief of the “Il Centauro” magazine and co-author of the “Road Safety Yearbook”. Member of the Safety Foundation at ANIA (Association of Italian Insurers) and of the Road Safety and Service Quality Board at ASPI (Italian High-ways group). He collaborates with numerous Italian radio stations (e.g. Rai Radio 1, Radio24, RTL, radio Capital) and takes part in both TV and Radio programs as expert in road safety.