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Graduated in Agricultural Sciences at the University of Pisa has been working since year 1983 by the Trees and Timber Institute of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) <http://www.ivalsa.cnr.it/ivalsae.htm>.

He is actually responsible of the "Santa Paolina" experimental farm of the National Research Council of Italy in Follonica. The experimental station is specialized on woody plant biodiversity collection and woody plant improvement.

He is author of more than 50 scientific publications with his work mainly focused on olive orchard management, olive oil quality improvement, characterization, evaluation and conservation of woody plant germplasm; application of molecular marker technology.

Co-author of the book "Pruning and training systems for modern olive growing" (CSIRO Publishing, Australia) has been teaching extensively in professional courses on Olive Pruning techniques organized by public and private professional companies.

- CNR and NATO fellow at Michigan State University in 1995 and 1999. Has been working in plant physiology and molecular biology projects –co-author of the 2003 ASHS Fruit Publication Award for the most outstanding paper on fruit crop.
- Professor in the University of Siena Professional Course on "DNA Analysis and Traceability in the Food Chains".
- Biometrician and curator of the olive germplasm collection of Tuscany.
- Database manager within the "olive genetic resources collection" project, sponsored by the International Olive Oil Council.

- Member of the Plant National Certification Committee by the Italian Minister of the Environmental Agricultural and Forestry Politics (MIPAAF).
- Member of the Olive National Academy of Italy in Spoleto
- Consultant for public international program – Introduction and evaluation of Olive germplasm in Uruguay.
- Olive oil production and quality consultant for private companies (Argentina, Australia, Uruguay).
- Olive oil tasting expert and panel member.

He is an expert in technical and administrative management of public and private farm and trained manager on research and extension services.