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Nationality

Italian

Male

Date of birth

08 September 1954

Gender

Work experience

Dates

From January 1st, 2023

Occupation or position held

ff Scientific Director

Main activities and responsibilities

Direction

Name and address of employer

Fondazione IRCCS San Gerardo dei Tintori, Monza, Italia

Type of business or sector

Academic Hospital

Dates

October 2013 - October 2019

Occupation or position held

Pro-Rector for International Affairs

Main activities and responsibilities

Pro-Rector

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic International Affairs

Dates

November 2008 - onwards

Occupation or position held

Director, Department of Paediatrics

Main activities and responsibilities

Direction

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, at Fondazione Monza e Brianza per il Bambino e la sua Mamma (FMBBM)

Onlus/San Gerardo Hospital, Monza (MI), Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic Hospital

Dates

November 2008 - onwards

Occupation or position held

Director, Residency Program in Pediatrics

Main activities and responsibilities

Direction

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic Hospital

Dates

November 2007 - onwards

Occupation or position held

PhD School of Translational and Molecular Medicine (DIMET) www.dimet.org

Main activities and responsibilities

Direction

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic

Since 2006 - onwards Dates

Occupation or position held

Scientific Director

Main activities and responsibilities

Direction

Name and address of employer

Fondazione "M. Tettamanti - M. De Marchi" Onlus, Monza, Italy

Type of business or sector

Non-profit organization

Dates

Since 2006 - onwards

Occupation or position held

Full professor of Pediatrics

Main activities and responsibilities

Educational and research activities

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic

Dates

Since 2003 - onwards

Occupation or position held

Head

Main activities and responsibilities

Direction

Name and address of employer

Type of business or sector

"Stefano Verri" Cellular and Gene-Therapy Laboratory, Hospital S. Gerardo, Monza, Italy

Laboratory

Dates

Since 1994 - onwards

Occupation or position held

Head

Main activities and responsibilities

Researches for leukemic and hematological diseases of children

Name and address of employer

"M.Tettamanti" Research Center, Hospital S. Gerardo, Monza, Italy

Type of business or sector

Research Center

Dates

2008 - 2010

Occupation or position held

Coordinator, Master 1st Level of Pediatric Nursing

Main activities and responsibilities

Coordination

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic

Dates

2006 - 2008

Occupation or position held

Coordinator, Master 1st Level of Palliative Cares

Main activities and responsibilities

Educational activities

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic

Dates

2004 - 2008

Occupation or position held

Director, School of Oncology

Main activities and responsibilities

Educational activities

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic 2000 - 2006

Dates

Occupation or position held

Associate professor of Pediatrics

Main activities and responsibilities

Educational and research activities

Name and address of employer

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Type of business or sector

Academic

Dates

1999 - 2000

Occupation or position held

Assistant professor of Pediatrics

Main activities and responsibilities

Educational and research activities

Name and address of employer Type of business or sector

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy Academic

Page 2/7- Curriculum vitae of Andrea BIONDI Dates | 1998 - 1999

Occupation or position held | Assistant professor of Pediatrics

Main activities and responsibilities

Name and address of employer

Type of business or sector

Dates | 1987 - 1998

Occupation or position held

Physician staff

Academic

Main activities and responsibilities

Clinical and research activities

Educational and research activities

University of Milano, Milan, Italy

Name and address of employer

Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Milan, Hospital S.Gerardo Monza (MI) Italy

Type of business or sector | Academic hospital

Education and training

Dates | 1994

Title of qualification awarded

Specialist in Haematology

Principal subjects/occupational skills

Hematologic malignant and non-malignant diseases

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

University of Bari, Italy

Dates

Title of qualification awarded

Specialist in Paediatrics

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered

ills Paediatrics

1982

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

University of Milan, Italy

Dates

Title of qualification awarded

Principal subjects/occupational skills

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1979

covered

License to practice medicine and surgery

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

University of Milan, School of Medicine, Italy

Dates

1986 - 1987

Title of qualification awarded

Research Associate in Medicine

Principal subjects/occupational skills

Research activities

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

Department of Bioresearch, The Ontario Cancer Institute, Toronto, Canada

Dates

1984 - 1986

Title of qualification awarded

Research Associate

Principal subjects/occupational skills

Research activities

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

Laboratory of Human Immunology "M.Negri" Institute, Milan, Italy

Dates

1982 - 1984

Title of qualification awarded

Research Associate in Pathology

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered

Research activities

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

Department of Turnor Immunology, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA

Dates

Title of qualification awarded

Principal subjects/occupational skills

covered

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

1979 - 1982 Research fellow

Research activities

Laboratory of Human Immunology "M.Negri" Institute, Milan, Italy

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

Italian

Other language(s)
Self-assessment
European level (*)

English Spanish French

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
excellent	excellent	excellent	excellent	excellent
good	good	good	good	good
elementary	elementary	elementary	elementary	elementary

(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

2008-2011: Member of the Advisory Board of the UICC program "My Child Matters" (to reduce inequities in childhood cancer survival in low and mid-income countries).

1996-2004: Honorary Judge at the Juvenile Court of Milan.

1994-1998: National President of the Scout Association AGESCI

Organisational skills and competences

Since 1997 - onwards: Development and coordination of the "Monza International School of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (MISPHO): a training program for medical and health personnel in the field of Pediatric Oncology, for countries with limited resources.

Since 1986- onwards: Development and coordination of a twinning program, for a Pediatric Oncology Project, with the Hospital "La Mascota" in Managua (Nicaragua) (see: Lancet 352.1923-6.1998).

Technical skills and competences

The training experience at the Harvard Medical School in Boston (1982-1984) and at the Ontario Cancer Institute in Toronto (1986-1987) were decisive in acquiring innovative technical skills that were transferred and further implemented in subsequent years.

Computer skills and competences

Skilled in the use of word, excel, power point and in the use of database and Internet.

Driving licence

Driving licence B

Additional information

Professional Societies

Since April 2016: Chairman of the International BFM Study Group (I-BFM-SG)

2012-2015: President of the Italian Association of PediatricHematology and Oncology (AIEOP)

2007-2011: Chairman of the EHA Nomination Committee

2004-2008: President of SIOP Europe

Since 2003: Organisation of the EHA-affiliated Paediatrics Haemato-Oncology courses held in the following years: 2003 (Spain), 2005 and 2007 (Sestri Levante, Italy), 2010 - 2011 - 2013 - 2015-2017 - 2019 (Sorrento, Italy)

2003: Chairman, Scientific Committee of the 8th Congress of the European Haematology Association (EHA)

2000-2004: Member of the European Haematology Association (EHA) Board

Since 1997: Member of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP)

Since 1995: Member of the European Haematology Association (EHA)

Since 1992: Member of the Italian Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology (AIEOP)

Since 1992: Member of the American Society of Hematology (ASH)

Since 1991: Member of the Italian Society of Experimental Hematology

Since 1985: Member of the Italian Group of Cooperation in Immunology

Honors and awards

Title of Grand Officer Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (February 2023)

Scientific Journals

Member of the Editorial Board of Pediartric Blood & Cancer, The European Journal of Cancer, HemaSphere, Pediatric Medicine

Reviewer for: Annals of Oncology, Blood, British Journal of Haematology, The European Journal of Cancer, European Journal of Haematology, Genes Chromosomes and Cancer, Haematologica/The Hematology, Journal, International Journal of Cancer, Leukemia

Reviewer for funding programs and site visits of international organisations/agencies

Cancer Research UK; Children Oncology Group, USA; Leukemia Research Fund, UK; National Cancer Institute/National Institute of Health, USA; OncoSuisse. Swiss Federation Against Cancer, CH; Stichting Kindergeneeskunde Kankeronderzoek (SKK), NL; International Union Against Cancer (UICC), CH; TheFrench Society for Children Cancer and Leukemia (SFCE), F; KIKA Kinderen Kannkervrij, NL; FWO, B.

Major research interests

- Molecular characterization of childhood ALL.
- Minimal residual disease in childhood ALL.
- Molecular characterization of the t(15;17) translocation in acute promyelocytic leukemia.
- Molecular cloning of translocations.
- Molecular and biological characterization of JMML.
- Cellular and genetic manipulation of ALL blasts.
- Development of strategies for immunotherapy of BCP-ALL;
- Conduction of Clinical Trials under GCP conditions (GCP Training certificate on 10 June 2022)

Research Grants

AIRC, 5x1000 - 22757 (2019-2026): "Disease-specific universal vaccines as new combinatorial immunotherapy for metastatic melanoma, sarcoma and osteosarcoma -MultiUnit"

FRRB, CP2_10/2018 Plagencell (2019-2021): "A network for cell and gene therapies for devastating diseases"

AIRC, 5x1000 - 21147 (2018-2025): "Immunity in Cancer Spreading and Metastasis (ISM) MultiUnit"

AIRC, IG 2017 - 20564 (2018-2023): "Genomic profile and early response for improving cure rate and quality of life in childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia"

AIRC, Accelerator Award (2018-2023): "Innovative CAR Therapy Platforms (INCAR)"

MIUR, PRIN 2018 (2018-2021): "Innovative approaches with genetically modified immune cells to target hematological malignancies"

EU FP7, ERA NET TRANSCAN-2 (2018-2021): "Integration of genetic biomarkers and early minima/ residua/ disease to improve risk stratification and cure in childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Acronimo TRANSnational research in Childhood Acute Lymphob/astic Leukemia 2- TRANSCALL2 (ID 189)"

InterReg, INTERREG-LEUCINI (2018-2020): "Collaborazione tra Enti di Ricerca, Piccola Media Impresa e Centri Ospedalieri per lo sviluppo di nuove terapie anti Leucemia basate su anticorpi e nanoparticelle"

International references

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Annexes

Selected papers

Tettamanti S, Pievani A, **Biondi A**, Dotti G, Serafini M. Catch me if you can: how AML and its niche escape immunotherapy. Leukemia. 2022 Jan;36(1):13-22. doi: 10.1038/s41375-021-01350-x. Epub 2021 Jul 23. PMID: 34302116; PMCID: PMC8727297.

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Suttorp M, Metzler M, Millot F, Shimada H, Bansal D, Günes AM, Kalwak K, Sedlacek P, Baruchel A, **Biondi A**, Hijiya N, Schultz KR, Schrappe M. Generic formulations of imatinib for treatment of Philadelphia chromosome-positive leukemia in pediatric patients. Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2018;6 5(12): e27431

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Publications

Nr. of publications on peer-review journals: 694

H-index (Scopus): 102 Citations (Scopus):42723

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