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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (January 2024)

2011-present time Full Professor in Industrial Chemistry, University of Milan

Previous apppintments and education

Associate Professor in Industrial Chemistry, University of Milan

"Docent" - in Polymer Technology at the Kunglig Tekniska Högskolan – KTH,
Stockholm, Department of Polymer Technology. Appointment by an international jury.

Visiting Professor at KTH, Department of Polymer Technology, Stockholm, Professor Ann-Christine Albertsson.

Assistant Professor in Applied Chemistry, University of Brescia (I).

Post-doc Fellow, University of Brescia, supervisor Prof. Paolo Ferruti. Industrial

1983-1984 research contract on the development of PVP oligomers.

Post-doc, University of Pisa, Prof. Francesco Ciardelli. Industrial research con-

1983 tract on the development of high solid paintings.

Doctor degree (laurea), University of Pisa. Proff. Mauro Aglietto and Giacomo

Other stages abroad

Ruggeri. Thesis title: "Synthesis of polymeric catalysts".

June 1991

July 1990 University of Nottingham (UK), in the frame of a "Brite Euram" EU. Professor

December 1988 Steen S. Davis

Gent Universität, in the frame of a "Brite Euram" EU. Professor Etienne Schacht.

Macrochem Co. - Wellesley, Massachussets (USA), in the frame of an indus-

October 1988 trial research contract on the scale up of PVP oligomers. Carlos Samour, PhD.

University of Keele, development of biocompatible polymers in the frame of a research porgramme sponsored by British Council. Professor Ruth Duncan.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Biodegradable and biocompatible polymers for applications in nanomedicine: a) self-assembling polymers as drug carriers; c) decoration of inorganic nanoparticles for antitumor therapy; d) as antivirale and antimalarial agents; e) as nanovectors for cellular imaging.
- Bioinspired polymers with flame-retardant activity.
- Multifunctional composite resins for the absorption of inorganic and organic pollutants from wastewater.
- Composite hydrogels as scaffolds for tissue regeneration.
- Polymers from renewable sources.

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (Scopus, Jan. 2024, Auth. ID:7003897117, orcid: 0000-0002-6402-2650)

Total number of research documents: 173

Total number of citations: 3788

h-index: 36

Published book chapters: 3 (+ 3 non indexed by Web od Science)

Patents. 47, from 16 original applications, 8 of which extended internationally by companies.

In addition: Encyclopedia contribution. 2 upon invitation, one of which upon invitation by UNESCO.

Presentations as invited speaker at international congresses. 23 (11 keynotes)

RECOGNITION BY PEERS

- External *referee* of Start Grant and Consolidator Applications, European Research Council (ERC) calls, 2009-2016.
- Referee for many peer-reviewed Journals in the field of polymer science, particularly polymers for biotechnological applications (e.g. Biomacromolecules, Advanced Biomaterials, Macromolecular Bioscience, Polymer etc.).

ORGANIZATION OF CONGRESSES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

7-9 June 2023	Chair of the international congress "Milan Polymer Days" (MIPOL2023), Milan.
19-21 June 2022	Chair of the international congress "Milan Polymer Days" (MIPOL2022), Milan.
5-7 July 2021	Chair of the international congress "Milan Polymer Days" (MIPOL2021), virtual edition
15-17 July 2020	Chair of the international congress " <i>Milan Polymer Days</i> " (MIPOL2020), virtual edition
11 - 13 March 2019	Chair of the international congress "Milan Polymer Days" (MIPOL2019), Milan
14 - 16 February 2018	Chair of the international congress "Milan Polymer Days" (MIPOL2018), Milan.
15 - 16 February 2017	Chair of the international congress "Milan Polymer Days" (MIPOL2017), Milan.
14 – 19 May 2017	Scientific committee – 8th European Summer School on "Transport phenom-
	ena in polymers and hybrid materials", Gargnano, Italy.
21 - 25 May 2017	Scientific committee - Europolymer Conference 2017, "Polymers and additive
	manufacturing: from fundamentals to applications", Gargnano, Italy.
22 - 26 May 2016	Scientific committee - Europolymer Conference 2016, "Block copolymers for
	nanotechnology applications", Gargnano, Italy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014 – pre-	"Macromolecular chemistry /Lab", 6 credits, Bachelor degree in Industrial Chemistry.
sent time	"Polymer Chemistry", 6 credits, Master Degree in Industrial Chemistry, course held in
	English.
	PhD course in Industrial Chemistry.
2010 -2014	"Polymer Chemistry/Lab", 6+3 credits, Master Degree in Industrial Chemistry.
	"Bionanotecnologie", 3 credits, Master Degree in Industrial in Industrial Biotechnology.
2001-2013	"Industrial Chemistry/Lab", 6+3 credits, Bachelor degree in Industrial Chemistry.
2001 – 2010	"Research Doctorate School in BIOmolecular Sciences (BIOS)", University of Pisa.
2016	Member of the committee of the "PhD School in Medical Nanotechnology", University of
	Milan.
2020	PhD course in Industrial Chemistry, 2 cfu, "Fundamentals of polymers science – poly-
	mer degradation and stability"
2021	PhD course in Industrial Chemistry, 1 CFU, "Plastics, myths and truths of en environ-
	mental emergency"
2004-2008	Coordinator of the PhD course in Industrial Chemistry, 1 CFU, "Polymers for the protec-
1998 – 2001	tion of cultural heritage"
	"Polymer Teknologi/Lab", 2+4 credits, Master Degree in Polymer Teknologi, KTH,
1990 - 1997	Stockholm
	"Polymeric biomaterials", 1 credit, Master Degree in Bioteknologi, KTH, Stockholm
	"Polymer Chemistry" and "Technology of materials and aplied chemistry" Master degree courses in Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering, University of Brescia (I).

Supervisor of PhD thesis or specialization schools

2008, 2016,	Supervisor of PhD thesis in Industrial Chemistry, University of Milan.
2019, 2022	
2004, 2007,	Supervisor of PhD thesis Bios School, University of Pisa.
2008, 2002	Supervisor of PhD thesis in Polymer Teknologi, KTH Stockholm.
2002	Supervisor of PhD thesis – intermediate level, ("Licentiat"), KTH Stockholm.
2001 e 2002	Thesis supervisor for the specialization school in Polymer Science "Giulio Natta",
1997	Brescia, I.

CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Member of the National Scientific Habilitation Committee (MUR) for the Industrial Chemistry area.
- Member of the advisory committee of the Department of Chemistry 2014-2017, 2021- present time.
- Member of the board of the PhD course in Industrial Chemistry, University of Milan, since 2010.

FUNDED GRANTS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS

Project title	Funding source	Period	Role
Eco-friendly, washing-durable FLAme-REtardant finishing for cotton fabrics by COvalent grafting of α -amino acid-derived polyamidoamines (FLARECO)	MUR	2022	Coordinator
Multifunctional polymers for special applications	INSTM	2018-pre- sent time	Scientific Re- sponsible
Biodegradable antibacterial polymers for water purification	Industrial project	2018	Scientific Re- sponsible
Amphoteric polyamidoamines as innovative tools to selectively direct antimalarial drugs towards <i>Plasmodium</i> -infected red blood cells	Fondazione Cariplo	2014-2017	Co-ordinator

PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Co-ordinator or scientific responsible of European projects

- 2005 Co-ordinator of the three-year FP6-2005 STREP project: "Development of an innovative, cost-effective technology to produce halogen-free, high-performance flame retarded polyolefins". University of Milan.
- 2005 Scientific responsible of the FP6-2003-SME-CRAFT industrial project: "Customised nanocomposites based on rubber matrices for high demand applications". University of Milan.
- 1998 Scientific co-responsible of the Brite Euram project: Integration of conventional polymers with ceramic nanoparticles to produce structural composites with enhanced performances", KTH Stockholm.
- 1998 Scientific co-responsible of the FAIR project: "Biodegradable polyesters from 1,3-propanediol and succinate produced by fermentation of re-growing resources", KTH Stockholm.
- 1998 Scientific co-responsible of the Brite Euram project: "Biocompatible flexible polymer alloys based on polyesters from renewable resources for mass-consumer application involving contact with human fluids and tissues", KTH Stockholm.

Scientific responsible of several PRIN (Italian University and R&D ministry) projects (or ex 40%): years 1994, 1995, 1996 e 2002.

National Reserach Council (CNR): scientific responsible of two PF-MSTA projects in 1997.

INSTM: two-year "PRISMA" project, 2004. Progetto INSTM — Regione Lombardia two-year project, 2011.

Three-year Nutek (SE) project (1999) and two-year TFR (SE) project (2000).

INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

2023	6-month project funded by PROMETEON
2018	6-month project funded by NIPPON GOSHEI
2014	12-month project funded by TINTORIA JACCHETTI on the "Valorization of sericine wastes"
2004	6-month project funded by FRESENIUS HEMOCARE (MO) "Synthesis of hydrophilic / hydrophobic graft copolymers as hydrophilic coatings of filters based on polyethylene terephthalate".

- 2002 6-month project funded by MEDIOLANUM FARMACEUTICI (MI) "Synthesis of hydrogels based on polyvinylpyrrolidone-PLGA copolymers".
- 1997 12-month project funded by LASTRA (BS), " Development of new materials as coating plate for offset printing"
- 6-month project funded by VIDEOCOLOR (RM), "Synthesis and characterization of materials based on polyvinylpyrrolidone"

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (2021-January 2024)

- 1. J. Alongi, R. Aad, P. Ferruti, E. Ranucci. Enhancing the flame resistance of cotton by exploiting the interaction between calcium chloride and an aspartic acid-derived polyamidoamine. *Cellulose* **2024**, 31, 623; DOI: 10.1007/s10570-023-05599-6.
- 2. J. Alongi, R. Aad, A. Manfredi, F. Carosio, P. Ferruti, E. Ranucci. Use of calcium chloride to enhance the efficacy of polyamidoamines as flame retardants for cotton. *Polym. Degradat. Stabil.* **2023**, 215, 110428; DOI: 10.1016/j.polymdegradstab.2023.110428.
- 3. A. Beduini, A. Domenico, F. Carosio, A. Manfredi, E. Ranucci, P. Ferruti, J. Alongi. On the suitability of phosphonate-containing polyamidoamines as cotton flame retardants. *Polymers* **2023**, 15, Article number 1869; DOI: 10.3390/polym15081869.
- 4. P. Ferruti, J. Alongi, E. Barabani, A. Manfredi, E. Ranucci. Silk/polyamidoamine membranes for removing chromium vi from water. *Polymers* **2023**, 15, Article number 1871: DOI: 10.3390/polym15081871.
- 5. V. Pifferi, E. Ferrari, A. Manfredi, P. Ferruti, J. Alongi, E. Ranucci, L. Falciola. Nanosponges by the oxo-Michael polyaddition of cyclodextrins as sorbents of water pollutants: the o-toluidine case. *Environ. Sci. Pollut. Res.* **2023**, 30, 6592; DOI: 10.1007/s11356-022-22501-2.
- 6. F. Maggi, A. Manfredi, F. Carosio, L. Maddalena, J. Alongi, P. Ferruti, E. Ranucci. Toughening polyamidoamine hydrogels through covalent grafting of short silk fibers. *Molecules*, **2022**, 27, 7808; DOI 10.3390/molecules27227808.
- 7. N. Mauro, G. Giammona, E. Ranucci, P. Ferruti. Synthesis of biocompatible and biodegradable polyamidoamines microgels via a simple and reliable statistical approach. *Materials*, **2022**, 15, 7280; DOI: 10.3390/ma15207280.
- 8. S. Treccani, A. Manfredi, G. Raffaini, E. Ranucci, L-Arginine-derived polyamidoamine oligomers bearing at both ends β-cyclodextrin units as ph-sensitive curcumin carriers. *Polymers*, **2022**, 14, 3193; DOI: 10.3390/polym14153193.
- 9. J. Alongi, A. Costantini, P. Ferruti, E. Ranucci. Evaluation of the eco-compatibility of polyamidoamines by means of seed germination test. *Polym. Degradat. Stabil.* **2022**, 197, 109854; DOI: 10.1016/j.polymdegradstab.2022.109854.
- 10. P. Arosio, D. Cicolari, A. Manfredi, F. Orsini, A. Lascialfari, E. Ranucci, P. Ferruti, D. Maggioni. Nanosized t1 mri contrast agent based on a polyamidoamine as multidentate Gd ligand. Molecules **2022**, *27*, 174; DOI: 10.3390/molecules27010174.
- 11. C. Forte, J. Alongi, A. Beduini, S. Borsacchi, L. Calucci, F. Carosio, P. Ferruti, E. Ranucci. The thermo-oxidative behavior of cotton coated with an intumescent flame retardant glycine-derived polyamidoamine: A multi-technique study. *Polymers* **2021**, *13*, 4382; DOI: 10.3390/polym13244382.
- 12. A. Beduini, F. Carosio, P. Ferruti, E. Ranucci, J. Alongi Polyamidoamines Derived from Natural α-Amino Acids as Effective Flame Retardants for Cotton. *Polymers*, **2021**, 13, 3714, DOI:10.3390/polym13213714.
- 13. M. Marcioni, J. Alongi, E. Ranucci, M. Malinconico, P. Laurienzo, P. Ferruti, A. Manfredi "Semi-crystalline hydrophobic polyamidoamines: a new family of technological materials?" *Polymers*, **2021**, *13*, 1018, DOI:103390/polym13071018.