

## **FILIPPO DRAGO**

### **CURRICULUM VITAE (January, 1st 2013)**

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Sex: Male

Marital status: Married, four children

#### **Education:**

University: University of Catania Medical School,  
Catania (Italy)  
1978, Medical Degree (with Honors)

University of Utrecht (The Netherlands)  
1981, PhD in Pharmacology  
(Summa cum Laude)

Postdoctoral Residencies: University of Catania Medical School,  
Catania (Italy), Psychiatry, 1982

University of Catania Medical School,  
Catania (Italy), Neurology, 1986

University of Messina Medical School,  
Messina (Italy), Mental Hygiene, 1990

#### **Professional background:**

Academic appointments: Associate Professor of Pharmacology  
University of Catania Medical School,  
Catania (Italy), since 1988 through 2001

Director, Center for Ocular Pharmacology  
University of Catania Medical School,

Catania (Italy), since 1986

Director, Center for Neuropsychopharmacology  
University of Catania Medical School,  
Catania (Italy), since 1992

Full Professor of Pharmacology  
Department of Experimental and Clinical  
Pharmacology  
University of Catania Medical School,  
Catania (Italy), since 2001

Member of the Scientific Board,  
Italian Drug Agency (AIFA)  
Rome (Italy), since 2000 through 2009

Member of the Board for Pricing and Reimbursement,  
Italian Drug Agency (AIFA)  
Rome (Italy), since 2012

Director, International PhD Program in  
Neuropharmacology  
University of Catania Medical School, since 2001  
through 2012

Director, Residency in Pharmacology  
Faculty of Medicine  
University of Catania Medical School, since 2001  
through 2006

President, University Consortium for Clinical  
Pharmacology "Unifarm", since 2001 through 2012

Director, Master in Regulatory Affairs  
University of Catania Medical School, since 2002

Director, Clinical Pharmacology Unit, University  
Policlinic, Catania, since 2012

Scientific activities:

Visiting Researcher at the Rudolf Magnus Institute  
for Pharmacology, University of Utrecht,  
The Netherlands  
(Director: Prof. D. de Wied)  
1977, since 1980 through 1982, 1986

Visiting Researcher at the Institute of  
Pathophysiology, University of Szeged, Hungary,  
(Director: Prof. G. Telegdy)  
1983

Associate in Research at the Department of

Psychiatry, University of Chapel Hill, USA  
(Director: Prof. A.J. Prange Jr.)  
1984

Visiting Professor at the Department of Neuroscience,  
Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel  
(Director: Prof. D. Samuel)  
1985

Visiting Professor at the Department of Neuroscience,  
University of Bordeaux “Victor Segalén”, Bordeaux,  
France  
(Director: Prof. P.V. Piazza)  
2008-2009

**Scientific societies:**

Italian Society of Pharmacology (member of the  
Executive Committee since 2005)

Italian Society of Psychiatry

International Society for Psychoneuroendocrinology  
Society for Neuroscience

European College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
(ECNP, member of the Executive Committee since  
2001 through 2005; member of the Program  
Committee since 2006)

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
(ARVO, member of the Animals in Research  
Committee since 2005 through 2009, member of the  
Annual Meeting Program Committee since 2006 through  
2009)

European Biomedical Research Association (EBRA,  
member of the Executive Committee since 2005;  
vicepresident since 2006)

President, Federation of European Pharmacological  
Societies (EPHAR, member of the Executive  
Committee since 2006)

International Union of Basic and Clinical  
Pharmacology (IUPHAR, member of the Nominating  
Committee since 2010)

**Editorial activity:**

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of  
“Functional Neurology” (since 1986 through 1998)

Member of the Editorial Board of “European Journal of  
Pharmacology” (since 2002)

Member of the Editorial Board of “Clinical Practice  
and Epidemiology in Mental Health” (since 2004)

Member of the Editorial Board of “Journal of Ocular  
Pharmacology and Therapeutics” (since 2007)

Member of the Editorial Board of “European  
Neuropsychopharmacology” (since 2009)

Editor in Chief of “Frontiers in Clinical Trials and  
Pharmacotherapy” (since 2010)

**Patents:**

Author of 5 patents related to drug delivery and application

**Public projects:**

- Coordinator of the PRIN project “Pathogenetic mechanisms in diabetic retinopathy: role of phospholipase 2 and protein-kinase C beta” (Ministry of University, Italy, 2004).
- Responsible of operative unit of the project “The use of drugs for mood disorders in Italy” (Italian Agency for Drug Evaluation, 2005).
- Responsible of operative unit of the project “Mortality of elderly using conventional and non conventional antipsychotic drugs for the behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia and for other psychical disorders” (Italian Agency for Drug Evaluation, 2006).
- Coordinator of the PRIN project “Pathogenic mechanisms of diabetic retinopathy: in vitro and in vivo expression of ELAV, PACAP, cPLA2 and cytokines” (Ministry of University, Italy, 2007).
- Coordinator of the PRIN project “Pathogenetic mechanisms of diabetic retinopathy: innovative approaches for the pharmacological treatment” (Ministry of University, Italy, 2009).

**Publications:**

302 papers published in peer-reviewed journals mainly in the field of psychoneuropharmacology and ocular pharmacology