Curriculum Vitae

Ferdinando Palmieri, Professor, Department of Biosciences, Biotechnologies and Biopharmaceutics, Laboratory of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Bari, Italy.

Full Name: Ferdinando Palmieri
Born: April 26, 1939 in Lumezzane, Brescia, Italy
University education: 1963, graduated in Medicine cum laude at the University of Naples
Lecturer of Biochemistry: 1/11/1963 - 31/10/1971, University of Bari
Establishment as University lecturer: 1/11/1968
Associated Professor: 1/11/1971 - 31/10/1973, University of Bari
Full Professor in Biochemistry: 1/11/1973, University of Bari
Visiting lecturer: 15/01/1966-31/12/1966, Physiologische-Chemische Institüt der Philipps-Universität, Marburg, W. Germany; 1/10/1968-31/12/1968, Institüt fur Physiologische Chemie und Physikalische Biochemie der Universität Munchen, W. Germany
Visiting Professor: June-August 1974, 1/12/1975-31/01/1976, Dept. of Molecular Biology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, USA; June-August 1979, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, Johnson Research Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Honors and Awards

- Recipient of the “Gold Medal 2000” Award from the President of the Italian Republic for contributions to Science and Culture.
- Recipient of the “Renoir” Cultural Award from the Apulia Region, 2006.
- Nominated Honorary Professor of Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), 2010.
- Recipient of the “Caduceo d’Oro” from Order of the Italian Chemists, 2010.
- Member of the “Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei” (Rome), the Academia Europaea “The Academy of Europe” (London); the “Accademia delle scienze” (Turin), the “Accademia di scienze e lettere, Istituto Lombardo” (Milan), the “Società nazionale di scienze, lettere e arti” (Naples).
- Nominated Emeritus Professor of the University of Bari by the Minister of Education, University and Research (MIUR): 2011.
- Member of the Fellowships Committee of the Federation of the European Biochemical Societies (FEBS), 1984-1989.
- Member of the National Evaluation Committee of the Ministery of Education, University and Research (MIUR) for funding research projects: 1985-1997 and again in 2004-2005.
- President of the National Evaluation Committee for the University of Bari: 2003-2008.

- Recipient of the "Gold Medal 2000" Award from the University of Bari, 2011
- Member of the National Evaluation Committee for the University of Catania: 2009-2012
- Recipient of the "Mitchell Medal and Lecture 2024" Award for achievements in bioenergetics (see website of EBEC 2024: www.ebec2024.org)

Scientific Contributions:

- Author/co-author of 392 publications.

- Co-editor of the following books:

a) Horizons in Biochemistry and Biophysics (E. Quagliariello, F. Palmieri and T.P. Singer, eds.), Addison-Wesley, MA, USA:
volume 1, 1975
" 2, 1976
" 3, 1977
" 4, 1978
" 5, 1979
Horizons in Biochemistry and Biophysics (E. Quagliariello and F. Palmieri, eds.), John Wiley & Sons Publishers, London-New York):
" 6, 1982
" 7, 1983
" 8, 1985
" 9, 1989
b) Electron Transfer Chains and Oxidative Phosphorylation (E. Quagliariello, S. Papa, F. Palmieri, E.C. Slater and N. Siliprandi, eds.), North-Holland/American Elsevier, 1975
c) Function and Molecular Aspects of Biomembrane Transport (E. Quagliariello, F. Palmieri, S. Papa and M. Klingenberg, Eds.), North-Holland/American Elsevier, 1979
d) Vectorial Reactions in Electron and Ion Transport in Mitochondria and Bacteria (F. Palmieri, E. Quagliariello, N. Siliprandi and E.C. Slater, eds.), North-Holland/American Elsevier, 1981
e) Structure and Function of Membrane Proteins (E. Quagliariello and F. Palmieri, eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1983
f) Achievements and Perspectives of Mitochondrial Research. Volume I: bioenergetics (E. Quagliariello, E.C. Slater, F. Palmieri, C. Saccone and A.M. Kroon, eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1985
g) Achievements and Perspectives of Mitochondrial Research. Volume II: biogenesis (E. Quagliariello, E.C. Slater, F. Palmieri, C. Saccone

and A.M. Kroon, eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1985

h) Molecular Basis of Biomembrane Transport (E. Quagliariello and F. Palmieri, eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1988

i) Structure, Function and Biogenesis of Energy Transfer Systems (E. Quagliariello and F. Palmieri, eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1990

l) Molecular Mechanisms of Transport (E. Quagliariello and F. Palmieri eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1992

m) Thirty Years of Progress in Mitochondrial Bioenergetics and Molecular Biology (F. Palmieri et al., eds.) Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1995

n) Special Issue "Mitochondrial Transport Proteins" published in Biomolecules, ISBN 978-3-0365-3409-1, April 2022, 476 pages (23 papers); see link:
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/biomolecules/special_issues/mitochondrial_transport_protein

o) Special Issue "Transport Mechanisms of Mitochondrial Membrane Proteins" published in International Journal of Molecular *Sciences* ISSN 1422-0067, April 2024 (6 papers); see link:
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijms/special_issues/mitochondrial_transporters

p) Special Issue "Advances in Mitochondrial Transport Research" published in Biomolecules ISSN 2218-273X, June 2024 (10 papers); see link:
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/biomolecules/special_issues/mitochondrial_transport_research

Member of the Editorial Board or Advisory Board of the following Journals:
Biochemical Journal, Journal of Bioenergetics and Biomembranes, Biochemical Medicine and Metabolic Biology, Molecular Membrane Biology, Molecular Genetics and Metabolism, Bulletin of Molecular Biology and Medicine, Biochemical and Molecular Medicine, International J. of Molecular Sciences.

Referee also of other Journals:
Nature, Science, PNAS, EMBO Journal, JBC, Biochemistry, The European Journal of Biochemistry – FEBS Journal, Biochim. Biophys. Acta, Eur. Biophysics Journal, FEBS Letters, Nature communications, Arch. Biochem. Biophys., Plant Physiology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, American J. of Human Genetics, Molecular Microbiology, J. of Molecular Biology, The Plant Journal, Human Molecular Genetics, J. of Inherited Metabolic Disease, Molecular Pharmacology, etc.

Speaker at the following international congresses (among others) :

- International Congress of Biochemistry: Luzern 1970, Stockholm 1973, Prague 1988, Bari 1992
- FEBS Meetings: Budapest 1974, Dresden 1978, Rome 1989, Helsinki 1994, Warsaw 2004
- European Bioenergetics Conferences (EBEC): Lyon 1982, Prague 1986, Amsterdam 1990, Helsinki 1992, Louvain-la Neuve 1996, Pisa 2004, Moscow 2006, Dublin 2008, Innsbruck 2024
- Gordon Conferences in USA: 1981, 1987
- International Biophysics Congress: Bristol 1984, Amsterdam 1996
- Physicochemical basis of ion transport through biological membranes, in Riga 1970
- Biomembranes, in Madurai 1973
- Membrane bioenergetics, Spetsai 1977
- Structure and Function of energy-transducing membranes, Amsterdam 1977
- Mechanisms of proton and calcium pumps, Padua 1977
- 7th Colloquim on bioenergetics and mitochondria, Gdansk 1977
- FEBS Advanced Course No.59, Bioenergetics and transport at mitochondrial and cellular levels, Warsaw (Poland), 1980
- 12th Meeting of the GDR Biochemical Society, Magdeburg (E. Germany), 1980
- The Mitochondrion, Baltimore (USA), 1986
- Joint Meeting American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the American Society for Cell Biology, San Francisco (USA),1989
- 112th Conference of the Gesellschaft fur Biologishe Chemie, Munich (Germany) 1994
- International Symposium on "Proton-Linked Pumps and Transporters" Bristol (UK) 1995
- Fourth European Symposium of the Protein Society, Paris (France) 2001
- International Symposium on “Citrin deficiency and the related diseases” Kagoshima (Japan) 2005
- International Conference on “Mitochondria, from Molecular Insight to Physiology and Pathology” Bari (Italy) 2005
- Proteins in Health and Disease: from structure to function, Lisboa 2007
- Symposium on Science for the Study of Inborn Errors of Metabolism, Hamburg (Germany), 2007
- European Science Foundation Conference in Biomedicine on “Rare Diseases: Channels and Transporters”, Barcelona (Spain), March 2008
- 11th International Congress on Amino Acids, Peptides and Proteins, Vienna (Austria), 2009
- 43rd European Metabolic Group (EMG), Salzburg, 2011
- 12th International Conference on Inborn Errors of Metabolism, Barcelona (Spain), 2013
- The Evolving Concept of Mitochondria: From Symbiotic Origins to Therapeutic Opportunities, Cold Spring Harbor (USA), 2018

- The SLC25 mitochondrial carrier family: identification, properties and physiopathology, Innsbruck (Austria), 2024

Major research achievements

- in the 60ies establishment of the anisotropy of cytochrome c oxidase and succinate dehydrogenase; relationships between metabolite anion and cation transport
- in the 70ies establishment and stoichiometry of the delta-pH dependent phosphate, malate, citrate and azide transport, and establishment of the membrane potential dependence of thiocyanate transport and the aspartate/glutamate (cysteinesulfate) exchange across the mitochondrial membrane
- in the 70ies characterization of several mitochondrial metabolite carriers in isolated mitochondria
- in the 70ies development of direct transport measurements across natural and artificially made membranes (liposomes)
- in the 80ies purification of 10 mitochondrial metabolite carriers and reconstitution in an active state
- in the late 80ies and in the 90ies (before the genomic era) determination of the primary structure of the oxoglutarate/malate carrier and the carnitine/acylcarnitine carrier
- in the 90ies for the first time, a membrane protein, i.e. the oxoglutarate/malate carrier, was successfully expressed in *E. coli* in a reconstitutively active state
- in the 90ies establishment of the topology of several mitochondrial metabolite carriers in the inner mitochondrial membrane and in liposomes (i. e., both the N- and the C- terminal ends are exposed towards the mitochondrial intermembrane space and the proteins have an even number of alpha-helices)
- in the 90ies discovery that the 2 phosphate carrier isoforms are encoded by a single gene by an alternative splicing; tissue expression and biochemical characterization of the 2 phosphate carrier isoforms
- in the late 90ies and the first 2 decades of the 21st century the molecular identification of 26 mitochondrial metabolite (di- and tri-carboxylates, amino acids, nucleotides, coenzymes, etc.) carriers in humans, 19 in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and 18 in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was achieved
- in the late 90ies and the first 2 decades of the 21st century the identification of 10 monogenic diseases due to genetic alterations of specific mitochondrial metabolite carriers was accomplished; and understanding of their physiopathology, biochemical comprehension of their symptoms and, in some cases, successful therapeutic treatments were achieved.

Scientific/Professional Activities:

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Italian Biochemical Society 1977-1982; 1990-1994
- Treasurer of the Italian Biochemical Society (SIB),1977-1979
- Secretary of the Italian Biochemical Society (SIB), 1980-82; 1993-94.
- President of the Italian Group of Bioenergetics,1999-2000; and three times Vice-President, 1977-1978; 1986-1990; 1997-1998
- Member of the Fellowships Committee of FEBS: 1984-1989
- National Representative of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), 2010-2012
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Research Council (CNR): "CNR Institute for the Study of Mitochondria and Bioenergetics", Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Bari, Italy: 1972-2002; "CNR Institute for the Study of Physiology and the Biochemistry of Hemocyanines and other Metalloproteins", Dept. of Physiology, University of Padua, Italy: 1977-1997; and CNR National Strategic Scientific Projects.
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Research Council (CNR) project of the Study of Cancer: 1978-1982
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the G. Lorenzini Foundation (Milan), 1988-2006.
- Member of the "Consiglio Universitario Nazionale" (CUN): 1997 – 2006
- President of the "Centro Interdipartimentale di Servizi per gli Studi Biologici (CISBi)" of the University of Bari: 1995-2010
- Scientific Coordinator of the "Centro di Eccellenza in Genomica comparata (CEGBA), University of Bari 2001-2010
- Supervisor of more than 40 Ph.D.s
- Member of the Scientific Committee of many national and international congresses

Academic appointments:

- Director of the Institute of Biochemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Bari, 1974-1982

- Director of the Department of Pharmaco-Biology, University of Bari, 1983-87; 1992-97.
- Member of the Board of Administration of the University of Bari: 1986-1990
- Member of the Managing Board of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Calabria, 1992-1996.
- President of the Management Board of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Basilicata, 2007-2010.

- Director of the Graduate School of Functional and Applied Genomics and Proteomics (awarding doctoral degrees in Molecular Biochemistry and Biology, Cellular and Molecular Physiology and Biotechnology, Genetics and Molecular Evolution, and Biochemical and Pharmacological Science), 2004-2010.
- Director of the Graduate School of Cellular Biochemistry and Cellular Pharmacology (awarding doctoral degrees), 1998-2004.
- Director of the School of Specialization in Applied Pharmacology, University of Bari, 1983-1991.

- Collaboration with foreign scientists: J.E. Walker (MRC Cambridge, UK); M. Klingenberg (Munich, Germany); G. Brandolin (Grenoble, France); Nader Abraham (Medical College, New York, USA); A.R. Fernie (Golm, Germany); M. Hodges (Paris, France); E.R.S. Kunji (MRC Cambridge, UK); P. Maechler (Geneva, Switzerland); J.C. Polacco (Columbia, MO, USA); K.B. Storey (Ottawa, Canada); J.R. De Lucas (Madrid, Spain); A.M. Smeitink (Nijmegen, The Netherlands); A. Wedell (Stockholm, Sweden); M. J. Falk (Philadelphia, USA), T. Saheki (Kagoshima, Japan); G. Satrustegui (Spain).