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is a **veterinarian** and **psychologist** with an expertise in **public health, biological risks, behavioral analysis, disease prediction and computational linguistic**. He received his **D.V.M.** from Parma University, a **B.Sc. in Psychology** from Trieste University, a **Ph.D.** in Animal physiology and ethology from Bologna University. After his ten-year **academic career**, he holds a position as **veterinary officer** in Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy. He is **TAIEX** (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission) and **EFSA** (European Food Safety Authority) **expert**. He is certified as **Animal Behavior, Exotic & Wildlife animals and Bee medicine expert**, and as **Auditor** of the public health system. He is lead author of many **scientific publications** and **books** on animal behavior, animal welfare and health risks at the **human-animal interface** level.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Project Manager - Principal – Lead Partner EU “Bio-crime” Project** zoonosis, emergency management, best practices, illegal animal trade, biosafety and education, budget € 1,1 M
- **Veterinary Officer**, Central Directorate for Health, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy. Veterinary advice on disease prevention and preparedness, Law Enforcements training programs on biological risks.
- **Laboratory Animal care committee consultant** for several universities and research centers.
- **Wildlife and Bee Veterinarian** Scientific consultant to several regional, national and international parks, universities, public institutions and private practices.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Lecturer in Comparative Psychology and Ethology** Univ. of Teramo and Trieste, Contract professor Univ. of Parma, PhD Reviewer for several Italian and European Universities.
- **Seminars and training courses to public officers** Theoretical and practical training in Veterinary Medical Intelligence, zoonoses and biological risk safety in Italy and abroad.

EDUCATION

- **Post-degree Specialization in Aquatic Animal Health**, University of Udine, Italy.
- **Post-degree Specialization in Laboratory Animal Medicine**, MIUR Rome (equipollence).
- **Post Doc in Psychobiology and Physiological Psychology**, University of Trieste, Italy.
- **B.Sc. in Psychology** (*Summa cum laude*), University of Trieste, Italy.
- **Ph.D. in Veterinary Physiology and Ethology** (*Summa cum laude*), University of Bologna, Italy.
- **Doctor in Veterinary Medicine** (*Summa cum Laude*), University of Parma, Italy.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Project management, training courses, emergency best practices development and improvement, sentiment analysis and data analysis, research, able to work in Win as OS environment, Office, Adobe, Stat programs, web management.

RESEARCH KEYWORDS

- Zoonoses, biological risk, animal behavior, animal welfare, computational linguistic, behavioral analysis.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

- **Auditor** for the public health system.
- **Certified in Animal Assisted Intervention (IAA)** as Veterinarian and Psychologist – Italian Ministry of Health National IAA Reference Center.
- **Certified as 1. Wildlife/Exotic animal Veterinarian, 2. Veterinary Behaviourist and 3. Bee Veterinarian** from Italian Federation of the Veterinary Colleges.

COMMITTEE & EXPERT

- **TAIEX expert** (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission)
EFSA expert (European Food Safety Authority).
- **Scientific Reviewer** for many international scientific journals including Animal Cognition, Journal of Veterinary Medicine, Psychonomic Bulletin & Review, Laterality, Neuroscience Letters, Behavioural Ecology, Behavioural Processes, Veterinary Record Open, Gestalt Theory Journal, EcoHealth, Journal of Wildlife Diseases, Scientific Reports Nature.

LANGUAGES

- English (C1 - certified) French (B).

PUBLICATION (selection)

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- Zucca P. (2016) Avian cognition and welfare. In *Avian Medicine*. Eds J. H. Samour. Colour atlas series, Third Edition. Elsevier Ltd Edinburgh.
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