

Fabio Turone

ABOUT ME

I am a writer who has been following an unconventional career path, moving restlessly between traditional journalism (covering evidence-based medicine, science, innovation and policy), the study of research integrity and ethics, teaching and research. At the same time, I moved from paid employment to the establishment of new small companies, where I also acted as executive, and non-profit organizations, where I have been volunteering and working at all levels. Singing in a choir for over 20 years, and performing in hundreds of concerts in Italy and abroad, taught me the value of teamwork, where each person contributes their strengths and overcomes their weaknesses under inspiring leadership. I am married with two daughters, both currently university students in STEM. In my free time, I enjoy crafting around the house, sailing (I am a certified offshore sailing instructor), rowing, and riding my motorbike.

MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK

1994 - CURRENT

Executive officer, CEO and Editor in Chief

- Since July 2016 I am President and Executive Director of the non-profit Center for Ethics in Science and Journalism (https://www.cesj.eu), that I contributed to establish in Milan in order to get more involved in research and educational projects, nationally and internationally. I have been dealing with fundraising, grant applications, project design and execution.
- Since April 2002 I am Chief Executive Officer of the Agency Zoe of scientific and medical information (http://www.agenziazoe.it/), which I co-founded. I coordinate and edit the work of several collaborators writing for different media and oversee all stages of management of the small company.
- From 1994 to 2002 I was executive officer of the first Italian newsagency specialised in science, medicine, environment and technology, called Zadig (https://www.zadig.it), that I co-founded. I coordinated and edited the work of several employees and collaborators writing for different media, and shared responsibilities related to all stages of management of the small company.

SCIENCE JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

1988 - CURRENT

Writer, editor, analyst

- Since 2017 I am Italy correspondent for Research Professional News/ Research Europe, and edit a biweekly bulletin with news and analyses on higher education and research policy (https://www.researchprofessionalnews.com/category/europe/europe-italy/).
- Since 2017 I have been contributing news, comments and editorials to Nature, Nature Italy and Nature Middle East (Springer Nature).
- Since 2014 I have been contributing articles to the portal for health professionals Univadis-Medscape (WebMD).
- Since 2001 I have been the Editor in chief of the newsagency Zoe, specialised in scientific and medical information (http://www.agenziazoe.it/wordpress/). In addition to writing and editing, I contributed to the design (or re-design) of several websites, both for medical professionals and for the general public.
- From 2014 to 2021 I worked as editor part-time and authored news and feature articles for the magazine "Cancerworld" of the European School of Oncology.
- From 2012 to 2013 I was managing editor (part-time) of the peer reviewed "Italian Journal of Public Health", later renamed "Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health". For the same publisher, I contributed to the design of a website on best performing hospitals for the general public.
- From 1997 to 2015 I was Italy correspondent for the "British Medical Journal" (now "The BMJ").

- From 1994 to 2000 I worked as writer and editor in several publications, in Italian and English, in the first Italian newsagency specialised in science, called Zadig. I was in charge of developing the training for the use of online resources.
- From 1992 to 1994 I was hired as journalist trainee in the weekly magazine for general practitioners "Tempo Medico", in Milan.
- From 1988 to 1992 I worked part-time in the newsroom of the monthly journal of science popularization "Sapere", in Rome, as a writer, translator and assistant copy editor.

RESEARCHING, TEACHING AND LECTURING

2001 - CURRENT

Researcher, teacher, panelist

- Since 2023 I am work-package leader of the FRONTIERS project, funded by the European Research Council Science Journalism Initiative to increase the awareness on frontier research in the media by allowing science journalists to spend 3-5 in residence in a research institution and learn more about the inner workings of research (https://frontiers.media). The project is set to run from 2023 to 2027.
- In 2022 I was a member of the programme committee of the European Conference of Science Journalism ECSJ 2022 in Leiden (The Netherlands) where I coordinated a panel on "Mending the reproducibility crisis" (https://ecsj2022.eu).
- In 2019-2020 I chaired the organising committee of the ECSJ2020 European conference of science journalism (http://www.ecsj2020.eu).
- In 2018-2019 I was member of the board, and co-head of Communication, of the World conference of science journalists WCSJ2019 (http://wcsi2019.eu).
- In 2019-2020 I organised two workshops for science journalists from the Balkans. Funding came from the JRC and the Central European Initiative, among others (https://balkanscijc.wordpress.com).
- From August 2016 to May 2017 I was Research Fellow at the Knight Science Journalism Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts (https://ksj.mit.edu).
- In 2014-2017 I was member of the Advisory board of the EU-funded project ASSET Action plan on Science in Society related issues in Epidemics and Total pandemics (http://www.asset-scienceinsociety.eu).
- In 2014 I was invited to speak in a EU-sponsored panel on "The danger of new infections", at ESOF in Copenhagen.
- In 2013 to 2014 I worked as a consultant for the Venice UNESCO office for Science, to plan and coordinate workshops for professional science journalists and communicators from South East Europe, held in Belgrade, Serbia (2013) and in Podgorica, Montenegro (2014).
- In 2013 I was a member of the programme committee of the World Conference of Science Journalists WCSJ2013 in Helsinki (Finland).
- In April 2012 I produced and moderated a panel the Conference or the PCST network (public communication of Science and technology) in Florence, to discuss the model of the UK media centre with among others the Chief Scientific Advisor to the EC President Barroso, Anne Glover.
- in 2011 I produced, and was panelist in a panel on "The risk of risk reporting" at the World Conference of Science Journalists WCSJ2011 in Doha (Qatar).
- From 2009 to 2016 I was panelist (2009-2012) and then co-director (2013-2016) at the Erice International School of Science Journalism (https://ericescijc.wordpress.com).
- From 2000 to 2005 I held a course on "data journalism-computer-assisted reporting" in the Master School in Science Communication at SISSA/ISAS International School for Advanced Studies, Trieste.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

08/2016 - 06/2017 Cambridge, Mass, United States

KNIGHT SCIENCE JOURNALISM ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP Massachusetts Institute of Technology

I graduated from the academic fellowship program for mid-career science journalists that allows Research Fellows to to spend one year in Cambridge and conduct individual research projects while attending seminars and workshops and taking classes. I conducted a project on hopes and hypes in the communication of nanotechnologies, and took courses at MIT (including: "Science, Technology and Public Policy" by Kenneth A. Oye), Harvard (including "The Making and Unmaking of Ignorance" by Naomi Oreskes), and other academic institutions in the area.

Website https://ksj.mit.edu | Level in EQF EQF level 7

1997 - 1997 Oslo, Norway

EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTH CARE FOR JOURNALISTS Norwegian Cochrane Network and Norwegian Institute of Health Folkehelsa

1993 - 1994 Rome, Italy

STATE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST National Order of Journalists

EICOS PROIECT (EUROPEAN INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNICATORS OF SCIENCE) Max Planck Institute

Website https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1088/0963-6625/2/3/005

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2010 - CURRENT Milan

Member, Board member, President

- Since 2023 I am member of the Association of ERC grantees (AERG; https://aerg.eu),
- Since 2023 I am member of the MIT club of Italy (https://alumcommunity.mit.edu/topics/32044/page/home)
- Since 2010 I am President of the professional association of Science Writers in Italy (SWIM; https://www.sciencewriters.it), which I contributed to establish. I have been representing SWIM in the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ; https://wfsj.org)
- Since 1995 I am member of the US Association of HealthCare Journalists (AHCI; https://healthjournalism.org).
- Since 1994 I am member of the US National Association of Science Writers (NASW; https://www.nasw.org).
- From 2019 to 2024 I was board member of the European Federation for Science Journalism (EFSJ; https://efsj.eu).
- In 2012-2013 I was board member of the European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA; https://www.eusja.org).

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

CURRENT

writer, editorialist, panelist

- 4 August 2023 <u>Helping science journalists and scientists learn from each other</u> *Nature Italy* (comment) Fabio Turone & Daniela Ovadia
- 15 September 2022 Where Italian parties stand on science Nature Italy, Marta Paterlini, Fabio Turone & Nicola Nosengo
- 28 April 2021 Scienza senza maiusola. L'etica della ricerca per una cittadinanza scientifica [Science without capital letter. Research ethics for a scientific citizenship] Daniela Ovadia, Fabio Turone [Book] ISBN: 9788875788773 The book is built around the principles that inspire good scientific practice: honesty, value, trustworthiness, justice, the principle of beneficence, respect, fair play, confrontation among peers, loyalty, professional decorum, transparency, obedience to the law, and confidentiality. A book full of stories that explores a discipline, scientific research ethics, through the chronicle of 'men (and women) who make mistakes' rather than through theory.
- 27 November 2019 Protect Italy's new funding agency Nature (editorial) I was commissioned this editorial, written with Daniela Ovadia, on the plans for establishing a National research agency in Italy.
- 27 August 2019 Memo to Italy's president: your researchers need you Nature (editorial) I was commissioned this editorial, written with Daniela Ovadia, on the fears of negative repercussions of the government crisis on university and research funding.
- 22 July 2019 Dr. Fraud's jungle, where science is the prey Fabio Turone, Cancerworld
- 3 March 2018 Navigating uncertainty in the era of MMM Fabio Turone CancerWorld
- 6 September 2018 The trouble with health statistics Fabio Turone CancerWorld
- 24 June 2014 The danger of new infections: what can be done to reduce the risks?

 I was invited in this panel in the Science, democracy and citizenship-section of the conference ESOF 2014 in Copenhagen, produced by the EU-funded COMMHERE project.
- 2013 Open Access, impact and quality: an even harder future for gatekeepers? Fabio Turone Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health Vol. 10 No. 2 (2013)
- 2013 <u>«Trust, but verify»: easier said than done</u> Fabio Turone *Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health* Vol. 10 No. 4 (2013)
- 27 June 2013 Making sense of uncertainty I was invited in this panel organised by Sense about science at the World Conference of Science Journalists WCSJ2013 in Helsinki.
- 2013 The Number Needed to Inform What we talk about when we talk of science journalism Fabio Turone Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health Vol. 10 No. 1 (2013)
- 22 Novembre 2012 Science Journalism is "under threat": what can associations and networking do to help? UNESCO Expert meeting on Science Technology and Innovation for South East Europe. Sarajevo (B&H)
- 2009 <u>Développer le sens critique des enfants à l'égard des médicaments : une expérience menée dans les écoles primaires italiennes</u> in *Médias, médicaments et espace public*, Presses de l'Université du Quebec, 2009

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): ITALIAN

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production Spoken interaction		
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
SPANISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
GERMAN	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1
PORTUGUESE	A2	A2	A2	A2	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office | Social Media | Zoom | Power Point | Organizational and planning skills | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Word | Twitter | Skype | Microsoft Powerpoint | Google Docs | Facebook | LinkedIn | Instagram | Google Drive | WordPress and Wix

I authorize the processing of my personal data included in my application for the purposes of recruitment, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679).