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### Research & Professional experience

- 2002-** *Professor of Microbiology.* Dept of Biology, Federico II Univ, Naples, Italy.
- 1998-02** *Associate Professor of Microbiology.* Federico II Univ, Naples, Italy.
- 1992-98** *Researcher.* University Federico II, Naples, Italy.
- 1993** *FEMS fellow.* Institute de Biologie Physico-Chimique. Paris, France.
- 1990-92** *Research Associate.* Dept. of Cell and Develop. Biology, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA. Supervisor: Prof. R. Losick
- 1988-90** *Post-doctoral fellow.* International Institute of Genetics and Biophysics, C.N.R., Naples, Italy. Supervisor: Prof. M. De Felice
- 1985-87** *Post-doctoral fellow.* Dept. Biochemistry Molec. and Cell Biology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA. Supervisor: Prof. J.M. Calvo
- 1979-84** *Student.* University of Napoli, Italy. Thesis work performed at the International Institute of Genetics and Biophysics, C.N.R., Naples, Italy.  
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### Other activities

- President of the Italian Society of General Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology (SIMGBM) 2016-2018.
- Chair of the Department of Biology of the Federico II University of Naples, Italy (2016-2018).
- *Editor* of FEMS Microbiology Letters (since 2003).
- *Associate Editor* of Microbial Cell Factories (since 2016)
- Referee for scientific journals (*Molecular Microbiology, Journal of Bacteriology, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Microbiology and Molecular Biology Reviews, Gene, Research in Microbiology, FEMS Microbiology Reviews, Journal of Applied Microbiology, Journal of Medical Microbiology, Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology, Microbial Cell Factories, PLoS ONE, Vaccine*) and granting agencies (*National Science Foundation, USA; Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, UK; Ministero Italiano dell'Università e Ricerca, Italy*).
- *Editor* of the scientific book "Bacterial Spore Formers: Probiotics and Emerging Applications" (E. Ricca, A.O. Henriques and S.M. Cutting Editors) Horizon Biosciences, UK (2004).

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the international conferences "European Spores Conference" Bratislava (Slovakia) 2004 and 2006; Naples (Italy) 2008; Cortona (Italy) 2010; Egham (UK) 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018.

### Main grants

- EU project (IV Framework) "Recombinant spores of *Bacillus subtilis* as vaccine vehicles for mucosal immunisation" 1998-2000.
- EU project (V Framework) "Spore probiotics: an alternative to antibiotics" 2001-2004.
- Italian FIRB Project "Analisi comparata in vitro ed in vivo di vaccini ricombinanti innovativi basati su sistemi procariotici di display, proteine di fusione e peptidi bioattivi" 2001-2004.
- Italian COFIN 2002 "Biogenesi di una struttura cellulare complessa: la tunica sporale di *Bacillus subtilis*" 2002-03.
- Italian COFIN 2006 "La tunica sporale di *Bacillus subtilis*: un modello per lo studio di strutture cellulari complesse ed uno strumento biotecnologico per la presentazione di proteine eterologhe" 2006-07.
- Bilateral Italy-Portugal project (C.N.R.-JNICT) 1997-98.
- Bilateral Italy-UK project (CRUI-British Council) 1997.
- Bilateral Italy-UK project (CRUI-British Council) 2001.
- EU project (VII Framework) "Colorspore: New Sources of Natural, Gastric Stable, Food Additives, Colourants and Novel Functional Foods" 2008-11.
- EU project (VII Framework) "Use of Microorganisms for Carotenoids Delivery: Next Generation of Probiotics for Cardiovascular Disease" 2013-15.
- EU project (VII Framework) "Innovative multifunctional sensors for in-situ monitoring of marine environment and related maritime activities" 2014-18.
- PON - Biopolis "Sviluppo e ottimizzazione di tecnologie di produzione di biochemicals a partire da materie prime rinnovabili" 2014-2016.
- ASI - "Dalla Ricerca alle Applicazioni Spaziali e Cliniche: verifica dell'efficacia di molecole citoprotettive, antiossidanti e radioprotettrici, per facilitarne trasferimento tecnologico" 2016-18.

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3. **E. Ricca**, D. A. Aker and J. M. Calvo. "A protein that binds to the regulatory region of the *Escherichia coli ilvIH* operon". *J. Bacteriol.* **171**:1658-1664 (1989).
4. **E. Ricca** and J.M. Calvo. "The nucleotide sequence of *leuA* from *Salmonella typhimurium*". *Nucleic Acids Res.* **18**:1290 (1990).
5. **E. Ricca**, C. T. Lago, M. Sacco and M. De Felice "Absence of acetohydroxy acid synthase III in *Salmonella typhimurium* is due to early termination of translation within the *ilvI* gene". *Mol. Microbiol.* **5**:1741-1743 (1991).
6. **E. Ricca**, S. Cutting and R. Losick. "Characterization of *bofA*, a gene involved in inter-compartmental regulation of pro- $\sigma^K$  processing during sporulation in *Bacillus subtilis*". *J. Bacteriol.* **174**:3177-3184 (1992).
7. Campanile, C., Forlani, G., Basso, A. L., Marasco, R., **Ricca, E.**, Sacco, M., Ferrara, L. and De Felice, M. "Identification and characterization of the *proBA* operon of *Streptococcus bovis*". *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* **59**:519-522 (1993).
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