



Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Donatella Capone**

Work experience

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February 2016 – present

Position held: President and Founder

Employer: NAnA ETS, Via Giovanni da Procida 18, 00162 Rome, Italy

Country: Italy

Main activities: Manages administration and oversees the planning and execution of scientific and outreach events focused on research, particularly on leukemia, aimed at both expert audiences and the general public.

February 2009 – present

Position held: Project Manager and Mentor for final projects of the First-Level Master's in Languages, and Tourism Management

Employer: Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Roma Tre University, Via del Valco di San Paolo 19, 00146 Rome

Country: Italy

Main activities: Delivers lectures on project conception, development, planning, and execution; provides student mentoring and supervision of final projects.

September 23–27, 2024

Position held: Event Organizer – EMBO Workshop “Autophagy across scales”

Employer: Prof. Dr. Sasha Martens, Max Perutz Labs, University of Vienna

Country: Austria

Main activities: Responsible for fund management and event organization, including pre-congress, on-site, and post-congress administration.

February 9–10, 2023

Position held: NAnA ETS is Principal Applicant and organizer together with MT Voso (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy), K Döhner (University of Ulm, Germany), R Dillon (King's College, London), MK Yuksel (Ankara University, Turkey), N Ghahramanyan (Yerevan, Armenia), – Tmn-2023 Conference on Therapy-related Myeloid Neoplasms – AIL National Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Employer: NAnA ETS, Via Giovanni da Procida 18, 00162 Rome

Country: Italy

Main activities: Secured funding through the European Joint Programme on Rare Diseases and coordinated all administrative and scientific aspects of the conference, which was co-organized and hosted over 100 researchers from 11 countries. [Watch here](#)

October 15–19, 2018

Position held: Contracted Conference Organizer – FEBS Special Meeting “Golgi: Membrane Trafficking in Cell Organization and Homeostasis”

Employer: Prof. Daniela Corda, IBP-CNR (Institute of Protein Biochemistry of the National Research Council), Via Pietro Castellino 111, 80131 Naples

Country: Italy

Main activities: Full administrative responsibility for the conference, including pre-congress, congress, and post-congress administration, supporting a five-day event with 350 participants and Nobel Prize laureates *Randy Schekman* and *James Rothman* in Physiology or Medicine (2013).

February 1 – December 2011

Position held: Senior Project Manager – XX FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (October 2012, Rome)

Employer: Triumph C.\&C., Via Lucilio 60, Rome

Country: Italy

Main activities: Oversaw organization, including client relations, English-language content drafting (including contractual texts), website editing, and planning the logistics strategy for around 5,000 participants in coordination with public transport authorities and institutional partners.

December 2006

Position held: Hostess Service Coordinator – Visit of the President of the Republic Hon. Giorgio Napolitano to the CNR Research Area, Naples

Employer: MCM Congressi, Rione Sirignano 5, 80121 Naples

Country: Italy

Main activities: Coordinated hostess and reception services for the event.

Education and training

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December 2024 – June 2025

Master's in Patient Advocacy Organization

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy

Qualification obtained: Second-cycle Master's program focused on advocacy strategies, healthcare policy, stakeholder engagement, and the organization of patient support initiatives.

December 2023 – June 2024

Master's in Medicines Research and Development

EURORDIS Open Academy School (online, with one-week residential session in Barcelona, Spain)

Qualification obtained: Specialized program certificate in Medicines Research and Development, with a focus on the development, regulation, and evaluation of medicines, rare disease research, clinical trials, and patient-centered approaches.

October 2021 – November 2023

Master's Degree in Information, Publishing, and Journalism

University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy

Qualification obtained: Second-cycle degree (Laurea Magistrale, EQF Level 7) focused on media studies, publishing, and journalism, providing advanced skills in communication, editorial production, and information management.

February 2021 – April 2021

Master's in Social Enterprise: From Non-Profit to Social Business

Fondazione Fenice Onlus, Padua, Italy

Qualification obtained: First-level Master's Degree focused on social entrepreneurship models, sustainable business practices, and transitioning from non-profit to social enterprise approaches.

October 2011 – October 2012

Master's in European Project Management

Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Qualification obtained: European Project Manager

November 2008 – November 2010

Degree in Foreign Languages and Cultures (English and German)

University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy

Qualification obtained: First-cycle university degree (Laurea triennale)

1986

Advanced Diploma as Parliamentary Interpreter for English and German

Higher School for Interpreters and Translators, Rome, Italy

Qualification obtained: Conference Interpreter

1984

Advanced Diploma as Interpreter and Translator for English and German
Higher School for Interpreters and Translators, Naples, Italy
Qualification obtained: Interpreter and Translator

Additional information

Publications

Projects

Below, I have summarized the main events I organized prior to my move to Canada, where I lived from March 2001 to July 2005.

January 2000 – December 2001

Position held: Assistant to the Director

Employer: Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine (TIGEM), Via Pietro Castellino 111, 80131 Naples, Italy (Director: Prof. Andrea Ballabio)

Country: Italy

Main activities: Responsible for the organizational secretariat of the TIGEM inauguration event on November 20, 2000, held at the Capodimonte Royal Palace Museum in Naples. The event was attended by 400 guests, including Susanna Agnelli (President of the Telethon Committee), Umberto Veronesi (Minister of Health), Vincenzo Sica (Undersecretary for Scientific Research), Antonio Bassolino (President of the Campania Region), Lucio Bianco (President of the CNR), and Luciano Criscuoli (Director General of the Ministry of Scientific Research).

1996 – 2000

Position held: Project Officer

Employer: Zoological Station "Anton Dohrn," Villa Comunale, 80121 Naples, Italy (President: Prof. Gaetano Salvatore)

Country: Italy

Main activities: Responsible for the organizational secretariat of the International Marine Biotechnology Conference (IMBC '97). The event included three days of oral presentations and poster sessions in Sorrento, followed by a four-day working tour with stops in Paestum, Capo Rizzuto, Otranto, and Pugnochiuso, using 13 luxury coaches, 4 cars, and a motorboat. Hosted 500 researchers from around the world, including three Nobel Laureates: Baruch Blumberg (USA), Arthur Kornberg (USA), and Michael Smith (Canada).

1988 – 1996

Position held: Head of IIGB Press Office and Organizational Secretariat

Employer: International Institute of Genetics and Biophysics (now IGB "Adriano Buzzati Traverso"), Italian National Research Council, Via Pietro Castellino 111, 80131 Naples, Italy (Director: Prof. Maurizio Iaccarino)

Country: Italy

Main activities: Managed the institute's press office and acted as head of the organizational secretariat for 21 national and international scientific events. Highlights included coordinating the International Symposium "The Molecular Biology Revolution" for the Institute's 25th anniversary, held at Castel dell'Ovo in Naples, with 200 international scientists including Nobel Laureate Prof. Paul Berg. Responsible for all phases of congress organization and media coverage.

Memberships

Affiliations

NAnA ETS is a member of both UNIAMO and EURORDIS.

Awards and Grants

- **Romei Award** (November 2024, Rome)
Established by the National Association of School Principals (ANP), the Romei Award honors the memory of Professor Piero Romei, a distinguished scholar of educational systems. It is presented to school leaders, teachers, journalists, and other individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to youth education and training issues. [Watch here](#)
 - **Fellowship** (2024)
Recipient of a €5,000 fellowship from Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore to cover tuition fees for the Master's in Patient Advocacy Organization.
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Selected Contributions and Speaking Engagements

- **January 23–24, 2025** – Presented the current status of the IEI-Haem Consortium website at the first IEI-Haem Consortium meeting, Meyer Health Campus, Florence, Italy, representing NAnA ETS (Rome, Italy). [More information](#)
- **June 16–17, 2025** – Speaker at the second edition of the Early Career SIBBM (EC-SIBBM) pre-meeting, Naples, Italy.
Session II – Enhancing Awareness of Oral Presentations
Chairs: Giovanni Di Bernardo, Domenico Aprile
14:15–14:35 — *Voices in Science: Strengthening Oral Presentations* (Donatella Capone, NAnA ETS) [More information](#)
- **June 19, 2024** – Spoke as President of NAnA ETS to announce Lucia Coscujuela Tarrero as the winner of the NAnA ETS – SIBBM Francesca Martini Award for Best Presentation in Oncological Research at the SIBBM Annual Seminar 2024. [Watch here](#)
- **June 10, 2025** – Interview on RAI3 by Lara Martino for TGR Campania, discussing the San Carlo Theatre concert for Francesca featuring Angela Hewitt, organized by NAnA ETS to raise funds supporting research on rare diseases and acute myeloid leukemia. [Watch here](#)
- **May 16, 2024** – Spoke as President of NAnA ETS at the 9th National Conference "Il Paziente con Neoplasie Ematologiche", Milan, May 8–9, 2024. [Watch here](#)
- [More on YouTube](#)

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- From October 2023 for one year, I collaborated with the European Society of Gene and Cell Therapy to

organize its annual Congress, held in Rome at the La Nuvola Convention Center from October 23 to 25, 2024. Specifically, I oversaw the setup and performances for the evening event at Palazzo Brancaccio and was responsible for coordinating transfers for approximately 3,000 participants and 150 speakers.

- Before relocating to Canada from April 2001 to June 2005 to accompany my husband following his appointment as Science Attaché at the Italian Embassy in Ottawa, I organized more than 25 complex international conferences and workshops, demonstrating a strong ability to meet deadlines and adapt to flexible working hours when required.
- From 2001 to 2005, I lived in Ottawa, where I collaborated with the Italian translation department at Carleton University, tutoring visiting students from Italy. This rewarding experience motivated me to continue similar roles upon returning to Italy, including mentoring within a university context.
- I have consistently valued volunteer work, particularly within the schools attended by my children. I was elected to all school boards, from preschool and elementary in Canada to Torquato Tasso High School in Rome, where I served as a board member for three years. I also served on the Board of Directors of the Swiss School of Rome for four years. Additionally, in 2007 and 2008, I volunteered at the Non-Catholic Cemetery in Testaccio, Rome.