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POSITION

Full Professor

BIOSKETCH

Rino Ragno is a full professor at the Pharmacy and Medicine Faculty, Sapienza University of Rome where is in charge to teach medicinal chemistry at bachelor, master and PhD level.

In 1989 he finished the 5-year thesis in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology at Sapienza University of Rome. Since 1990 he is enrolled in Sapienza University of Rome. In 1996-1998 he spent two years at the Center for Molecular Design lab directed by prof Garland Marshal at Washington University of St. Louis (MO - USA). Since 1999, he started a new med chem design lab (www.rcmd.it) with the aim to apply computational methodologies in the field of medicinal chemistry. In 2005 he was awarded by the Italian Chemical Society - Italian division of medicinal chemistry for its research in medicinal chemistry.

From 2000 to 2010 he was an assistant professor and from 2010 to 2022 associate professor at Sapienza University of Rome.

Since 2015 he is in charge of leading the Sapienza MOOC Team to produce new MOOCs from Sapienza.

He published 162 international papers (156 listed in scopus.com) and presented more than 160 posters/oral communications at international meetings.

The main fields of the research are:

- Computational Medicinal Chemistry;
- Development of new QSAR and 3-D QSAR methods;
- Extraction, analysis and biological activity of essential oils;
- Development of scientific web sites (www.3d-qsar.com, db.3d-qsar.com and www.ai4essoil.com).
- Drug Design through computational techniques: machine learning, molecular docking
- Virtual Screening to select new potential bioactive compounds
- Application of machine learning algorithms for the design of new bioactive molecules
- Application of machine learning algorithms for analysis of complex mixtures and correlation with their biological activity

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2022 - Present

Full Professor

Dept. Drug Chemistry and Technology - Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it) - Academic Recruitment Field: Medicinal, Toxicological and Nutritional Chemistry and Applied Technologies (03/D1), Academic Discipline: Pharmaceutical Chemistry CHIM/08

- Teacher of Medicinal Chemistry courses at Bachelor, Master and PhD Degree Level at Sapienza Rome University
- Component of the Pharmaceutical Science PhD Program Committee
- Component of the Pharmacy and Medicine Web Committee
- Vice-President of Sapienza University Editorial Web Committee
- Reference for Sapienza MOOC activities

Business or sector Medicinal Chemistry (CHIM08)

December 2010 - March 2022

Associate Professor

Dept. Drug Chemistry and Technology - Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

May 2016 - 2020

President of Alchemical Dynamics a University Start Up

www.alchemicaldynamics.com

November 2000 – December 2010

Assistant Professor

Dept. Drug Chemistry and Technology - Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

October 1990 – November 2000

Assistant Professor

Dept. Drug Chemistry and Technology - Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

March 1996 – March 1998

Post-Doc

Center for Molecular Design - Washington University of St Louis - directed by prof. Garland R. Marshall.

January 1999 -

Rome Center for Molecular Design Coordinator

Dept. Drug Chemistry and Technology - Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

Sep 2009, Sep 2011, Sep 2014

Visiting Professor

Laboratoire d'Ingénierie Moléculaire et Biochimie Pharmacologique chaired by Professeur Gilbert KIRSCH – Ex Université Paul Verlaine Metz - UMR CNRS 7565 SRSMC Université de Lorraine (France)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Nov 1990 – Feb 1992

Master Degree in Pharmacy

Master

Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

- Experimental Thesis in Synthesis of antifungal compounds – Rank 110/110 cum laude

December 1991

Pharmacist State Abilitation

Master

Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

Nov 1985 – Nov 1989

Master Degree in Medicinal Chemistry

Bachelor + Master

Sapienza University of Rome (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma – www.uniroma1.it)

- Experimental Thesis in Synthesis of antiviral compounds – Rank 110/110 cum laude

Sep 1980 – June 1985

Chemistry high School

High School

ITIS GL Bernini Roma

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Italian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- Good communication skills gained through my experience as teacher at University and several International Congresses

Organisational / managerial skills

- Leadership (currently responsible for a team of more than 10 people)

Job-related skills

- Good command of quality control processes (currently responsible of a computational lab)

Computer skills

- Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools
- MS Windows Operating System
- MacOSX Operating System
- Linux Operating System
- HTML, C, bash, python programming
- Web Master (Drupal, Django, Joomla!)
- Machine learning modeling

Other skills

- Medicinal Chemist
- Drug Design
- Molecular Modeling
- Extraction of Natural Compounds
- E-learning (Moodle, Coursera, MOOC)

Driving licence

- A + B + C

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Publications of last 5 years

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Oral Presentations at Conferences

1. XXIII National Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry. Salerno 2015
2. IV Congresso Nazionale dell'Associazione Scientifica S.I.R.O.E. Roma, 25-26 novembre 2016
3. Giornata Formativa SIROE sugli Oli Essenziali. Sapienza, Roma 8 settembre 2017
4. NanoInnovation 2018 Conference & Exhibition Rome, 11-14 September
5. The 22nd European Symposium on Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships EuroQSAR 2018 September 2018 16 – 20 Thessaloniki, Greece
6. 2nd Molecules Medicinal Chemistry Symposium (MMCS): Facing Novel Challenges in Drug Discovery, Barcelona, Spain, 15–17 May 2019
7. 2nd Global Summit on Dermatology and Cosmetology Edinburgh, Scotland September 09-10, 2019
8. COST CM1406 Epigenetic Chemical Biology Scientific Workshop, 18-20 February 2019 Campus de Gambelas, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal
9. Repositioning Natural Products in Drug Discover, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th, 2020. University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

ERASMUS Teaching Mobility

Honours and awards

Last Grants

Conferences Organization/Scientific Committees

Textbooks or Book Chapters

10. Invited for the plenary lecture at the 57th Meeting of the Serbian Chemical Society (scheduled for October 02-03, 2020 and postponed to June 18-19 2021 as an online meeting)
11. Oral presentation at XXVII edition of National Meeting in Medicinal Chemistry Bari 2022
12. Oral Presentation at the 53rd International Symposium on Essential Oils (ISEO 2023) Milazzo 2023
13. Oral Presentation at 2nd International Conference on Chemo and BioInformatics (ICCBKIG 2023) Kragujevac, September 28-29, 2023, Serbia
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- ✓ 2019: University of Barcelona (ES) – Pharmacy Faculty
- ✓ 2019: King's College of London (UK) – Pharmacy Faculty
- ✓ 2019: University of Montenegro (MN) – Science Faculty
- ✓ 2020: University of East Anglia (UK) – Pharmacy Faculty
- ✓ 2021: University of Athens (GR) – Pharmacy Faculty
- ✓ 2022: University of Bucharest (RO) – Pharmacy Faculty
- 2005: Italian Division of Medicinal Chemistry Award for the Research in Medicinal Chemistry
- Progetti di Ricerca e Sviluppo da realizzare nell'ambito degli Accordi di Innovazione ridefiniti nel DM 31 dicembre 2021 del Ministero per lo Sviluppo Economico e perfezionati nel DD del 18 marzo 2022, n.721. Ricerca per l'identificazione di nuovi approcci terapeutici nell'Oftalmologia con particolare riguardo alla "Innovazione nella terapia farmacologica della profilassi pre e post- operatoria della chirurgia oftalmologica". Finanziamento 378.000 Euro, 36 months
- Italian Minister of Education: PRIN 2017 (141.100 euro/three years 2019-2022) Class IIa HDACs as therapeutic targets in human diseases: new roles and new selective inhibitors.
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1. 7° Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana per la Ricerca sugli Oli Essenziali. Scheduled for June 2021 and postponed to June 30/July 1st 2023
2. 22° National Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry. Scheduled for Roma 10-13 Settembre 2021 and postponed for COVID19 emergency to July 2022 (<https://mmcs2022.sciforum.net/>)
3. Free Drupal Global Training Day - Venerdì 5 Febbraio 2016. Sapienza Università di Roma
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7. Member of CDA – SIROE
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Journal Editing

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Journal Reviewing

1. Reviewer for Medicinal Chemistry related journals
 - J. Med. Chem.
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 - Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
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2. Reviewer for Chemical Informatic related journals
 - Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling
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