

Biosketch of Maria Sofia Cattaruzza

Prof. Maria Sofia Cattaruzza is Associate Professor of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine; President of Specialist Degree Course in Nursing; President of the "Tobacco Prevention Commission" of the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI); Responsible of the "Sapienza University Tobacco Control Unity" (UNITAB); Scientific Director of "Tabaccologia", the official journal of the Italian Society of Tabaccology (SITAB); Member of the Board of SITAB; SITAB Representative for the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP) and for the Smoke Free Partnership-Coalition (SFP-C). She has a degree in Medicine, a postgraduate degree in Health Statistics, a Research Doctorate in Microbiology and Epidemiology (Sapienza University of Rome), an MSc in Medical Demography (University of London - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). She worked as an epidemiologist in the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, at the European Institute of Oncology (IEO) in Milan and in the Epidemiology Laboratory at the Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata (IDI-IRCCS), Rome, Italy, before being appointed Associate Professor of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine at the Sapienza University of Rome where she is still working in the Department of Public Health and Infectious Diseases. She coordinated several research projects at national level (Faculty and PRIN – Research Project of Important National Interest) about epidemiology of cancer and its prevention. Her scientific production reflects the fields in which she worked: she started with reproductive health, then she worked in epidemiology and prevention applied to cancers, dermatological and rheumatic diseases, osteoporosis, respiratory diseases and tobacco control. She is author/co-author of about 100 scientific publications (H-index: 25, Sum of the Times Cited: 3318 - Scopus) in the field of preventive medicine, epidemiology, cancer prevention and public health.

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