

Giovanni Leone MD

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Born in Rome in 1958. Trained at the University of Roma, La Sapienza, where he got his medical degree in 1983, and obtained the board certification in Dermatology and Venereology in 1986. Resident in Allergology from 1986 to 1989 and in Tropical Medicine from 1989 to 1993. In 1991, he started working as a clinical dermatologist at the Department of Dermatology of the San Gallicano Institute in Rome. In 1993 he was trained in photodermatology in France at the Unité de Photodermatologie of the Saint Louis Hospital in Paris, under the supervision of Prof. Louis Dubertret. In 1995 he was also trained in the practice of sunscreen testing at the LRTPH (Laboratory for Research on Cutaneous Tumors) of the Rotschild Foundation in Paris, directed by Prof. Jean Pierre Cesarini. Visiting professor at the dermatology Clinic of the University of l'Aquila, and then visiting professor at the dermatology Clinic of the University of Novara, in the Piemonte Region. Head of Photodermatology Unit at San Gallicano Institute for Dermatology, Rome, Italy, from 2000 until 2015, then head of the Porphyrins and Rare Disease Unit and Vitiligo Cell Transplant Unit in the same Institution until June 2020. Founder of the local laboratory for "in vivo" sunscreen testing and active member of the COLIPA (European Association of Cosmetic Industry) Task Force for Sun Protection Measurement from 1997 to 2003. During his stay at the San Gallicano Institute, he has supervised over 20 foreign students and 15 residents in Dermatology. Over the past 10 years, he has established scientific collaborations with colleagues from different nations, and organized national and international scientific activities, courses and conferences. He is a cofounder and has been General Secretary and President of the Italian Photodermatology Group, of the Italian Dermatologist Association, ADOI, the Scientific Society under which all the practicing dermatologists in public hospitals in Italy are grouped. He has been elected in 2004 as member of the Board of the European Society for Photodermatology (ESPD) and reconfirmed in 2007. Elected as President of the ESPD in 2016, and currently in office. Member of the European Task Force for Vitiligo (ETFV) a panel of European experts, working on the different aspects of vitiligo. He is in the editorial board of the following Journals: "Der Hautarzt", "Photodermatology, Photoimmunology and Photomedicine PPP". He holds the following memberships: Italian Society of Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Disease (SIDEMAST) since 1986 ; American Society for Photobiology (ASP) since 1997; Société Française de Photodermatologie (SFPD) since 1994 ; Photomedicine Society since 2004, honorary member of the Société Française de Dermatologie. Throughout his career, Dr. Leone has been involved in various research projects and conducted many investigator-initiated studies as a principal investigator, mainly dealing with the clinical applications of phototherapy, the evaluation of photoprotectors, and new treatments for vitiligo. In charge of a triennial research project on vitiligo sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Health. Course Coordinator in different phototherapy courses organized by the San Gallicano Institute in cooperation with the Italian Society of Dermatology. He has served as a peer reviewer for scientific journals: British Journal of Dermatology (BJD), Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (JEADV), Clinical and Experimental Dermatology. Associate Editor for the Journal Photodermatology, Photoimmunology & Photomedicine. He has participated or has been invited as a speaker and/or the chairman in national and international conferences and congresses. As an author or coauthor, he published articles on national and international scientific journals as well as book chapters. His major areas of interest include cutaneous photobiology, photoprotection, treatment of cutaneous diseases with phototherapy, photodermatoses, psoriasis, and vitiligo.

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