CURRICULUM VITAE

Feliciano Protasi

DATI ANAGRAFICI

Data di nascita:	14 Ottobre 1966
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POSIZIONE ATTUALE

Dal Marzo 2011	***Professore Ordinario***, SSD BIO/09 (Fisiologia) Università degli Studi *Gabriele d'Annunzio* (Chieti)

PARAMETRI BIBLIOMETRICI

n. pubblicazioni:	118
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n. totale di citazioni:	~7000 (da circa ~4700 documenti)

BREVE DESCRIZIONE DELL'ATTIVITA' DI RICERCA

Il Prof. Feliciano Protasi è Professore Ordinario di Fisiologia e dirige un programma di ricerca multidisciplinare sostenuto principalmente dalla ONLUS Telethon (Italia) e dall'Istituto Nazionale di Sanità (USA).
I principali Progetti di Ricerca del suo laboratorio sono focalizzati sullo studio di:
A. malattie umane di comprovata origine genetica;
B. effetti dell'esercizio fisico sul rimodellamento delle fibre muscolari scheletriche.
Dopo la Laurea nel 1991 in Scienze Biologiche presso l'Università degli Studi di Perugia, il Dr. Protasi si è trasferito negli USA nel laboratorio della Prof.ssa Clara Franzini-Armstrong (1993-1997) presso la University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA), in cui è stato coinvolto nello studio delle differenze tra l'accoppiamento eccitazione-contrazione (EC) scheletrico e cardiaco, il meccanismo che attiva il rilascio di Ca^{2+} (e quindi la contrazione) nel muscolo.
Nella seconda parte della sua esperienza all'estero (1997-2002), il Prof. Protasi si è trasferito alla Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA) nel laboratorio del Prof. Paul D. Allen in cui ha acquisito esperienza in biologia molecolare e imaging del Ca^{2+}.
Il Prof. Protasi è tornato in Italia nel 2002 come Professore Associato all'Università degli Studi Gabriele d'Annunzio per entrare a far parte del nuovo istituto CeSI (Centro Studi sull'Invecchiamento), ora CAST (Center of Advanced Studies and Technology). Stabilite le sue linee di ricerca, principalmente focalizzate nel rivelare i meccanismi pato-fisiologici alla base delle miopatie genetiche quali la suscettibilità all'ipertermia maligna (MHS) ed il colpo di calore indotto da esercizio (EHS), ora si sta occupando dello studio di un meccanismo che il muscolo utilizza per limitare la fatica (*store-operated Ca^{2+} entry*).

INCARICHI ACCADEMICI PRECEDENTI

Gen. – Giu. 2000	***Lecturer*** Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA)
Lug. 2000 – Lug. 2002	***Instructor*** Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA)
Mar. – Giu. 2001	***Professore a contratto***, SSD BIO/09 (Fisiologia) Università degli Studi *Gabriele d'Annunzio* (Chieti)
Set. 2002 - Dic. 2002	***Professore a contratto***, SSD BIO/09 (Fisiologia) (Progetto Ministeriale: Rientro dei Cervelli).
Dic. 2002 - Feb. 2011	***Professore Associato*** *per chiamata diretta, SSD BIO/09 (Fisiologia) (D.M. MIUR prot. 1377 del 30/10/2002).*

INCARICHI DIDATTICI ATTUALI

Dall'AA 2002-03	**Corso di Studi in:** ***Scienze delle Attività Motorie e Sportive*** Titolare e Docente del Corso di Fisiologia Umana
Dall'AA 2014-15 (fino a AA 2019-20)	**Corso di Studi in:** ***Assistenza Sanitaria*** Coordinatore del Corso Integrato di Scienze Biomediche e Fisiologiche Docente del modulo: Fisiologia Umana
Dall'AA 2015-16 (fino a AA 2019-20)	**Corso di Laurea Magistrale in**: ***Scienze e Tecniche delle Attività Motorie Preventive e Adattate*** Coordinatore del Corso Integrato di Anatomia e Fisiologia Docente del modulo: Fisiologia Umana
Dall'AA 2019-20	**Corso di Studi in:** ***Ostetricia*** Docente del modulo: di Fisiologia Umana (Corso Integrato di Fisiologia e Biochimica)
Dall'AA 2020-21	**Corso di Studi in:** ***Medicina e Chirurgia*** Docente del modulo: Fisiologia degli Organi ed Apparati e Fisiologia Integrata (Corso Integrato di Fisiologia 2)

REVISORE SCIENTIFICO

Scientific Journals: Ageing Cell, Am J Physiol, Biophys J, Human Mut, J Cell Biol, J of Histochem and Cytochem, Pflugers Arch-European J Physiol, PNAS, Bioche J; Faseb J, Plos ONE, Human Mol Gen, Skeletal M, Cell Calcium, Oxid Med Cell Long, Nat Comm, J Mus Res Cell Motil.

Founding Agencies: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK Universities); Science Foundation of Ireland; Myotubular Trust Foundation (UK); Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France).

FINANZIAMENTI ALLA RICERCA

Set. 2002 – Set. 2005 (triennale)	**Finanziamento MIUR** (progetto Ministeriale *Rientro dei Cervelli*). Titolo: *The role of Calsequestrin in skeletal EC coupling.* Ruolo nel progetto: Principal Investigator.

Gen. 2004 – Gen. 2006 (biennale)	**Finanziamento Fondazione TELETHON ONLUS** (Progetto: GGP030289) Progetto monocentrico coordinato da F. Protasi. Titolo: *The role of Calsequestrin in excitation-contraction coupling and its possible contribution to skeletal muscle diseases.* Ruolo nel progetto: Principal Investigator.
Feb. 2007 – Feb. 2009 (biennale)	**Finanziamento PRIN – MIUR** (Progetto: 2006052901_003) Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da P. Volpe (Università di Padova) Titolo: *Structural and functional importance of the major Ca^{2+} binding protein of the sarcoplasmic reticulum (calsequestrin) in the development and full maturation of skeletal muscle fibers.* Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.
Nov. 2008 – Nov. 2011 (triennale)	**Finanziamento Fondazione TELETHON ONLUS** (Progetto: GGP08153) Progetto multicentrico coordinato da F. Protasi Titolo: *Calsequestrins in calcium homeostasis and potential role in inherited human skeletal muscle diseases.* Ruolo nel progetto: Principal Investigator and Coordinator.
Ago. 2010 – Giu. 2015 (quinquennale)	**Finanziamento National Institute of Health - NIAMS** (Progetto: RO1 AR059646) Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da R.T. Dirksen (Univ. of Rochester, NY). Titolo: *Molecular Mechanism and functional role of SOCE in skeletal muscle.* Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.
Feb. 2011 – Gen. 2016 (quinquennale)	**Finanziamento National Institute of Health - NIAMS** (Progetto: R01 AR053349) Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da S. H. Hamilton (Baylor College, TX) Titolo: *Basis of muscle dysfunction in Malignant Hyperthermia and Central Core Disease.* Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.
Ott. 2011 – Sep. 2014 (triennale)	**Finanziamento Fondazione TELETHON ONLUS** (Project: GGP11141) Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da S. Priori (Università di Pavia) Titolo: *Mutations of cardiac calsequestrin and cardiac arrhythmias: novel insights on pathogenesis and therapy.* Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.
Ago. 2013 – Lug. 2016 (triennale)	**Finanziamento Muscular Dystrophy Association USA** (Progetto: 275574) Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da R.T. Dirksen (Univ. of Rochester, NY). Titolo: *Orai1 as a Therapeutic Target for Central Core Disease.* Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.
Nov. 2013 – Lug. 2017 (triennale)	**Finanziamento Fondazione TELETHON ONLUS** (Progetto: GGP13213) Progetto multicentrico coordinato da F. Protasi Titolo: *Altered calcium handling in Central Core Disease (CCD) and Malignant Hyperthermia (MH): understand molecular mechanisms and genetic background to develop innovative therapeutic interventions.* Ruolo nel progetto: Principal Investigator and Coordinator.
Apr. 2016 – Mar. 2021 (quinquennale)	**Finanziamento National Institute of Health -NIAMS** (Progetto: RO1 AR059646-06) Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da R.T. Dirksen (Univ. of Rochester, NY).

Titolo: *Molecular Mechanism and Functional Role of SOCE in Skeletal Muscle.*
Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.

Feb. 2017 – Gen. 2020 (triennale)
Finanziamento PRIN (Progetto: 2015ZZR4W3)
Progetto Multicentrico coordinato da V. Sorrentino (Università di Siena).
Titolo: *Novel developments in studies of Ca^{2+} entry mechanisms: relevance to skeletal muscle function and disease.*
Ruolo nel progetto: Co-Investigator.

Gen. 2020 – Dic. 2022 (triennale)
Finanziamento Fondazione TELETHON ONLUS (Progetto: GGP19231)
Progetto multicentrico coordinato da F. Protasi
Titolo: *Store-Operated Calcium Entry (SOCE): role in skeletal muscle function and disease.*
Ruolo nel progetto: Principal Investigator and Coordinator.

INVITED SPEAKER A CONGRESSI INTERNAZIONALI

Settembre 2001
30th European Muscle Conference (Pavia, PV Italy)
Titolo: *RyR/DHPR interaction in skeletal excitation-contraction coupling*.

Giugno 2003
Gordon Research Conference sull'Accoppiamento Eccitazione-Contrazione nel Muscolo (New London, NH).
Titolo: *Regions of skeletal muscle RyR and DHPR that are critical for their structural interaction.*

Settembre 2005
European Life Scientist Organization (Dresda, Germany)
Titolo: *Differences and similarities between skeletal and cardiac junctional SR: possible structural role of Calsequestrin isoforms.*

Giugno 2006
Gordon Research Conference sull' Accoppiamento Eccitazione-Contrazione nel Muscolo (New London, NH).
Titolo: *Spatial relationships between key calcium-handling molecules and organelles.*

Settembre 2006
International Symposium on Spinal Cord Motor Control (Lubiana, Slovenia)
Titolo: *Severe muscle atrophy and degeneration in spinal cord injury patients can be reversed by functional electrical stimulation (FES).*

Marzo 2007
150th ENMC International Workshop on Core Myopathies (Naarden, The Netherlands)
Titolo: *Spatial relationships between key calcium-handling molecules and organelles in developing and adult muscle.*

Maggio 2007
2nd Basel Symposium on Skeletal Muscle (Basel, Switzerland)
Titolo. *Altered sarcotubular and mitochondrial structure and positioning in skeletal muscle fibers from animal models carrying mutations to calcium-handling proteins.*

Febbraio 2009
53rd Biophysical Society Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)
Titolo del Simposio: *Calsequestrin, triadin and more: the proteins that modulate calcium release in cardiac and skeletal muscle.* organized by Journal of Physiology, chair: Eduardo Rios and Sandor Györke.
Titolo: *Heat- and anaesthetic-induced sudden death in calsequestrin-1 knockout mice.*

Settembre 2010	**39th European Muscle Conference** (Padova, PD Italy) Titolo: *Calcium release units / mitochondria coupling in developing, ageing and diseased skeletal muscle.*
Marzo 2011	**182th ENMC International Workshop on Core Myopathies** (Naarden, The Netherlands) Titolo: *Structural association between mitochondria and sarcoplasmic reticulum.*
Settembre 2011	**40th European Muscle Conference** (Berlin, Germany) Titolo: *Calsequestrin-1, a new candidate gene for human muscle disorders.*
Novembre 2012	**Société Française de Myologie** (Grenoble, France) Titolo: *Core formation in Mouse Models of Malignant Hyperthermia and Central Core Disease.*
Agosto 2014	**International Biophysics Congress** (Brisbane, Australia) Titolo: *The puzzling phenotype of calsequestrin-1 knockout mice: what have we learned?*
Ottobre 2014	**XI Meeting of the Italian Institute of Myology** (Monteriggioni, SI Italy) Titolo: *Link between malignant hyperthermia (MH) and environmental heat stroke (EHS): just a medical hypothesis?*
Ottobre 2014	**3rd Wiener Muskeltag** (Vienna, Austria) Titolo: *Degeneration of chronically denervated human muscle is reversible.*
Giugno 2015	**Gordon Research Conference on EC coupling** (Newry, ME). Titolo: *Store operated calcium entry (SOCE) in skeletal muscle: where?*
Dicembre 2015	**AuPS, Australian Physiological Society** (Hobart, Tasmania - Australia) Titolo: *Exercise-dependent formation of new SR-TT junctions containing STIM1 and Orai1.*
Febbraio 2016	**Medical School of T. Jefferson University** (Philadelphia, PA) Titolo: *Calcium Entry Units: discovery of new intracellular junctions containing STIM1 and Orai1 in skeletal muscle.*
Marzo 2019	**Advances in Skeletal Muscle Biology in Health and Disease** (Gainsville, FL) Titolo: *Store-Operated Ca^{2+} Entry (SOCE) in skeletal muscle: where?*
Ottobre 2019	**Telethon Scientific Convention** (Riva del Garda, TR Italia) Titolo: *Store-Operated Ca^{2+} Entry (SOCE): role in Skeletal Muscle function and disease.*
Aprile 2022	**Accademia Medica di Roma** (Roma, Italia) Giornata a Tema: *New Frontiers in Regenerative Medicine* Titolo: *Muscle remodeling in response to ageing, inactivity and exercise*

ASSOCIAZIONI SCIENTIFICHE

Membro della *Biophysical Society* (dal 1998)
Membro della *Società Italiana di Fisiologia* (dal 2003)
Membro dell'*Istituto Interuniversitario di Miologia* (dal 2004)

BIBLIOGRAFIA

Autore di 118 Pubblicazioni (10 reviews e 108 lavori originali)

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Reviews:

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2 - Franzini-Armstrong, C., F. **Protasi**, and V. Ramesh. 1998. Comparative ultrastructure of calcium release units in skeletal and cardiac muscle. *Ann. NY Acad. Sci.* 853:20-31.

3 - **Protasi**, F. 2002. Structural interaction between RyRs and DHPRs in calcium release units of cardiac and skeletal muscle cells. In *The Structure and Function of Calcium Release Channels. Frontiers in Bioscience.* 7: d650-658.

4 - Fulle, S., F. **Protasi**, G. Di Tano, T. Pietrangelo, A. Beltramin, S. Boncompagni, L. Vecchiet, and G. Fanò. 2004. The contribution of reactive oxygen species to sarcopenia and muscle ageing. *Exp. Gerontol.* 39:17-24.

5 - Franzini-Armstrong, C., F. **Protasi**, and P. Tijskens. 2005. The assembly of Calcium Release Units in cardiac muscle. *Ann. NY Acad.* 1047:76-85.

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10 - Michelucci, A., C. Liang, F. **Protasi**, and R. T. Dirksen. 2021. Altered Ca^{2+} handling and oxidative stress underlie mitochondrial damage and skeletal muscle dysfunction in aging and disease. *Metabolites.* 11(7):424.

Articoli Originali:

1 - Sun, X-H., F. **Protasi**, M. Takahashi, H. Takeshima, D. G. Ferguson, and C. Franzini-Armstrong. 1995. Molecular architecture of membranes involved in excitation-contraction coupling of cardiac muscle. *J. Cell Biol*. 129:659-671.

2 - **Protasi**, F., X-H. Sun, and C. Franzini-Armstrong. 1996. Formation and maturation of calcium release apparatus in developing and adult avian myocardium. *Dev. Biol*. 173:265-278.

3 - Holtzer, H., T. Hijikata, Z. X. Lin, Z. Q. Zhang, S. Holtzer, F. **Protasi**, C. Franzini-Armstrong, and H. L. Sweeney. 1997. Independent assembly of 1.6 μm long bipolar MHC filaments and I-Z-I bodies. *Cell Structure and Function.* 22:83-93.

4 - Nakai, J., T. Ogura, F. **Protasi**, C. Franzini-Armstrong, P. D. Allen, and K. G. Beam. 1997. Functional non-equality of the cardiac and skeletal ryanodine receptors. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 94:1019-1022.

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