

# ***CURRICULUM VITAE and STUДИORUM***

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## Current occupation

As of July 2003	<p>Employer: <b>Genetic Rights Foundation</b> (Fondazione Diritti Genetici), Rome, Italy:</p> <p>Title of post: <b>Head of research:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of national and international research programmes</li> <li>• Drafting of documents and case studies on biotechnology and agricultural systems</li> <li>• Monitoring of media and reference regulations on GMOs and biotech patents</li> <li>• Issuing of media statements, communication material and interviews for newspapers and broadcasting</li> </ul>
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Additional positions: Lecturer at the Master course on Human Development and Food Security, Roma 3 University, since 2004 to present; consultant on agricultural biotechnology issues for the Italian companies Barilla and Coop

## Principal and most recent professional experience

Feb. '01	June '03	<p>Employer: <b>Greenpeace Italy</b>, Rome, Italy:</p> <p>Title of post: <b>National Coordinator of GMO campaign:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campaign spokesperson; responsible for programming</li> <li>• Author of analyses and in-depth documents (paper and Web)</li> <li>• Author of articles for newspapers and periodicals</li> <li>• Responsible for lobbying national institutions and agro-food sector enterprises</li> <li>• Referent for European and international Greenpeace campaign coordination</li> </ul>
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Feb. '98	Feb. '01	<p>Employer: <b>Rome Chamber of Commerce</b> (Azienda Romana per i Mercati), Rome, Italy:</p> <p>Title of post: <b>Coordinator of Agency technical staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designer, developer and auditor of projects to support provincial agriculture.</li> <li>• Drafter of communication initiatives to promote local agricultural products and processes among Roman consumers.</li> <li>• Environmental consultant for the Rome Chamber of Commerce during a mission to India (09/2000) with the objective of establishing partnerships between Italian and Indian enterprises.</li> </ul>
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Feb.- Aug. 2000	<p><i>Coordination with Italian and European NGOs (during a six-month special leave spent in Geneva, Switzerland) including:</i></p> <p><b>Movimondo and AUCS:</b> author of the book, <i>Tra fame e sicurezza alimentare</i>. Reference document for <i>advocacy</i> actions and development interventions regarding food security.</p> <p><b>Prodocs:</b> author of two papers: <i>La sicurezza alimentare mondiale</i> and <i>Di chi è la terra</i> written for a collection of books on economic and social rights.</p> <p><b>Centro Internazionale Crocevia (CIC):</b> coordinator of studies on agricultural policies in the Mediterranean area.</p>
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Jan. '96	Feb. '98	<p>Employer: <b>National Research Institute for Plant Nutrition</b> (Istituto Sperimentale per la Nutrizione delle Piante), Rome, Italy.</p> <p>Title of post: <b>Researcher</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of the polluting impact of heavy metals in the soil/plant system</li> <li>• Extension on eco-compatible fertilization practices</li> <li>• Writing and publishing of scientific articles on the above themes</li> </ul>
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## Education and Academic degrees

2000	Diploma, as <i>étudiant libre</i> , from the course on Rural Development and Agricultural Policy held at the <i>Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement (IUED)</i> , Geneva, Switzerland.
1993	M. Sc. Degree in Agricultural Sciences, University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy (Honours – 110 cum laude) Thesis title: <i>Biochemical and Biological Activity in the Rhizospheres of Intercropped Plants in Open Field</i>
1991	<i>Erasmus</i> EEC scholarship. Research at the Laboratory of Environmental Microbiology and participation in the Masters' Course, <i>Conservation of Soil Fertility</i> , at the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

## Linguistic knowledge

	<b>Read</b>	<b>Spoken</b>	<b>Written</b>
<b>English</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
<b>French</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Good
<b>Spanish</b>	Good	Good	Fair

## Positions held:

- 2005-2008 Member of the Ethical Committee on Sponsorship of the Municipality of Rome
- 2007-2008 Member of the Genet Board, European NGO network on biotechnology matters

## Participation in conferences and international meetings:

- Europe-China Forum: Rural reconstruction experiences (Guangzhou, China, July 2009); language spoken: English
- Regional seminar on Food sovereignty Vs free trade – towards an alternative multilateral agricultural governance framework (Beirut, Lebanon, December 2008); language spoken: English and French
- II Codex Alimentarius Task Force on Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnologies (Chiba, Japan - September 2005; languages spoken: English, French and Spanish
- Regional Seminar on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), Risks and Impacts (Amman, Jordan, May 2005); language spoken: English
- European Conferences on GMO-Free Regions (Berlin, January 2005, Bruxelles, April 2007, Lucern, April 2009; Bruxelles-Ghent, October 2010): language spoken: English
- Atelier Biosecurité (Ghardaia, Algeria, September 2004); language spoken: French
- IPC-FAO Latin American Meeting (Santiago, Chile, July '03); language spoken: Spanish
- Asian Regional NGO/CSO Consultation on Food Sovereignty (Kathmandu, May 2002); language spoken: English
- Latin American Regional NGO/CSO Consultation on Food Sovereignty (Havana, April 2002); languages spoken: Spanish and English
- African Regional NGO/CSO Consultation on Food Sovereignty (Accra, October 2002); languages spoken: French and English
- World Forum on Food Sovereignty (Havana, August-September 2001); Agriculture, Trade and the WTO (Geneva, September 2001 and June 1999); languages spoken: Spanish and English
- FAO Committees and Commissions (Rome, 1998-2010); languages spoken: English, French and Spanish
- CSO/NGO Forums parallel to FAO Summits and High Level Conferences (Rome, 1996, 2002- co-organizer, 2008-co-organizer, 2009-co-organizer and working group facilitator); languages spoken: English, French and Spanish

## Participation in institutional consultations

Italian Senate – Research and Agriculture joint commission *hearing on Genetically Modified Organisms*; 2 April 2009

Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament –Agricultural Commission: *Hearing on Draft law on Organic Agriculture* 18 December 2007

Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament – XIII Agricultural Commission: Consultation of 9 December 2004 on *the Decree on Draft Bill C.5463 amending Legislative Decree 279/2004 establishing urgent provisions to ensure the coexistence of transgenic, conventional and organic forms of agriculture*

Hearing of the European Economic and Social Committee on the *Coexistence between genetically modified crops and conventional and organic crops*; Brussels, 5 July 2004

## Editorial work:

In addition to articles in newspapers, periodicals and newsletters, the following books have been published:

- L. Colombo e A. Onorati, *Diritti al cibo! Agricoltura sapiens e governance alimentare*; Jaca Book; Milano 2009
- L. Colombo, *Grano o Grane – La sfida OGM in Italia* Manni Editori; Lecce 2006
- L. Colombo, *Agricoltura e globalizzazione* in Marino C.G. *A cinquant'anni dalla Riforma Agraria in Sicilia* Quaderni del CEPES, Franco Angeli Editore; Roma 2003
- L. Colombo, *Fame. Produzione agricola e sovranità alimentare* Jaca Book; Milano 2002
- L. Colombo, *Italian experience on seed contamination with GMOs* in *Acts of NGO/CSO Forum for food sovereignty: a right for all*; Rome 2002
- L. Colombo, *Forum sulla sovranità alimentare delle organizzazioni sociali e non-governative: le risposte alla fame dei movimenti popolari* in Bisso R. e Parodi L.E. *La civiltà della fame – cibo, potere e povertà nel terzo millennio* Fratelli Frilli Editori; Genova 2002
- L. Colombo, *Sovranità alimentare e solidarietà possibili fra le agricolture del pianeta* Alternative/i; Milano 2001
- L. Colombo, *Tra fame e sicurezza alimentare*; AUCS e Movimondo; Roma 2001