

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Marcello Giovanni Sala**


  

  
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Sex Male |  | Nationality Italian

POSITION **Staff Veterinarian – Latium Regional Veterinary Epidemiology Unit (OEVR) – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana (IZSLT)**

WORK EXPERIENCE

from May 2002 to present

**Staff Veterinarian - Regional Epidemiology Unit (OEVR) – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana (IZSLT)**  
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- Approximately 70% of effort: prevention and control of animal infectious diseases and zoonoses,
- Approximately 30% of effort: research in the field of domestic and wild animal infectious diseases and zoonoses (food-borne pathogens, Brucellosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, TSE, West Nile Virus disease, Avian Influenza)
- Specific competences within the Regional Veterinary Epidemiology Unit of IZSLT:
  - descriptive and analytical epidemiology
  - design and evaluation of surveillance systems (Equine Influenza, Avian Influenza, TSE's, Blue Tongue, Equine Infectious Anemia, West Nile Disease Virus Disease)
  - evidence based prevention.
- Specifically, Dr. Sala works in collaboration with the National Reference Centre for Equine Diseases of IZSLT on research projects in the field of equine viral diseases (Viral Arteritis, Herpesvirus 1, 4, Equine Infectious Anemia) and in the surveillance of Equine Influenza and arthropod-borne diseases like West Nile virus.
- Conducts outbreaks investigations, designs and executes surveillance systems and conducts special studies designed to improve animal and human health and to recommend evidence-based intervention to the regional or national public health authorities.
- Dr. Sala executes biomonitoring programs of animals and animal products contamination by pollutants and conducts several research projects in this field aimed at developing and evaluating surveillance models, GIS oriented, for primary and secondary prevention of exposure of animal and human populations (probability and susceptibility maps, risk based interventions).
- He collaborates in several research project granted by the Italian Ministry of Health in the field of animal diseases and zoonoses since 1999.
- Wide experience in training activities in the fields of epidemiology, validation of diagnostic methods and in veterinary public health, both at a regional and national level.
- Member of 3 regional task forces for rapid intervention in emergency situations:
  - task force for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies.
  - task force for Avian Influenza
  - task force for Bovine Tuberculosis, Bovine –sheep&goats Brucellosis and Enzootic bovine Leukosis
- Member of the National technical committee for TSEs
- Member of the National Working Group for epidemiologic investigations

**Business or sector** Veterinary Public Health - Regional Institute within the Italian network for Prevention and Control of Animal Diseases and Zoonoses.



• from Oct. 2001 to Dec. 2001

#### Expert consultant

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana (IZSLT)

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- Supervisor for the study design and the epidemiological evaluation of results - Research Project granted by the Italian Ministry of Health: "Evaluation of risk factors for Cryptosporidiosis spread among livestock in Central Italy"..

**Business or sector** Veterinary Public Health - Regional Institute within the Italian network for Prevention and Control of Animal Diseases and Zoonoses.

• from Oct. 1999 to Sept. 2001

#### Expert consultant

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- Supervisor for the Lazio Region within the framework of the national research project granted by the Italian Ministry of Health: " Risk factors for bovine tuberculosis and bovine and sheep brucellosis transmission"

**Business or sector** Veterinary Public Health - Regional Institute within the Italian network for Prevention and Control of Animal Diseases and Zoonoses.

• from Nov. 1997 to Jul. 2001

#### Expert consultant

Universitas Studiorum Mediolanensis. Animal Pathology, Hygiene and Veterinary Public Health Department - General Pathology and Veterinary Parasitology Unit.

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- Research projects concerning the monitoring and the surveying of wildlife health status, mainly focused on the epidemiology of parasitism, its impact on the host-population dynamics and the sanitary interactions with the grazing livestock. In this framework he also planned and coordinated field researches and epidemiological studies aimed to assess the needs for intervention in the management of wildlife and performed the evaluation of the interventions adopted

**Business or sector** University

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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From Gen 2004 to Dec. 2005

#### Master's Degree (MA): Applied Epidemiology (IT. Master's Degree II Level)

Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Superior Institute of Public Health) and University "Tor Vergata" Rome – Italy: Applied Epidemiology Italian FETP (Field Epidemiology Training Program) - PROFEA.

- Epidemiology, statistical analysis, human resources management, surveillance systems design and evaluation, health programs planning, risk assessment and risk communication in collaboration with the European Community Epidemiology Training Program (EPIET), the Training in Epidemiology and Public Interventions Network (TEPHINET) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

From Gen 2001 to Dec. 2001

#### Advanced course qualification: Epidemiology for Public Health officials

(IT. Corso di perfezionamento per operatori di Sanità Pubblica)

Istituto di igiene "G. Santarelli" – Università "La Sapienza" – Roma

Hygiene Institute "G. Sanarelli"- "La Sapienza" University – Rome - Italy

- Biostatistics, Epidemiological studies, sampling methods, statistical analysis



From 1999 to 2001 **Postgraduate Degree: Avian and wildlife Pathology (Full marks)**  
**Major in Avian Pathology**

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine - Universitas Studiorum Mediolanensis

10, Via Celoria, 20133 Milan Italy

- Pathology of avian species and Epidemiology of Avian and wildlife diseases

From 1986 to 1996 **D.V.M. Degree (Full marks)**

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine - Universitas Studiorum Mediolanensis.

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- Veterinary Medicine

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Mother tongue(s)** Italian

**Other language(s)**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	B2	B2	B2	B1	B2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user  
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

**Communication skills**

- good communication skills gained through my experience as speaker in national and international scientific congress, workshops
- good communication skills gained through my experience as lecturer in training courses for public health officials, breeders, stakeholders

**Organisational / managerial skills**

- coordination and organizing (currently responsible for MVS, TSE's, AIE, TB, Brucellosis, West Nile Disease information flows management - Latium and Tuscany Level)

**Digital competence**

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient User	Proficient User	Basic user	Independent user	Independent user

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user  
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

- good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software)
- good command of software for statistical analysis (Stata, Spss)
- good command of software epidemiology-oriented tools (Epi-Info, Winepiscopo, Epi Tools)





Driving licence Driving licence category:B

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Publications (most relevant)

- Host specificity of abomasal nematodes in free ranging alpine ruminants. *Veterinary Parasitology* 90: 221-230. Serological study of a population of alpine chamois (*Rupicapra Rupicapra*) affected by an outbreak of respiratory disease. *Veterinary Record* (2003) Nov. 8; 153(19):592-596.
- Seasonal changes in serum metabolites in free-ranging alpine marmots (*marmota marmota*). *Journal of comparative physiology B* (2004); 174: 355-361.
- Dog filariasis in the Lazio region (Central Italy): first report on the presence of *Dirofilaria repens*. *BMC Infectious Diseases* (2005), 5:75
- Abomasal nematode community in an alpine chamois (*Rupicapra R. Rupicapra*) population before and after a die-off. *Journal of Parasitology*, 92(5) 2006: 918-927
- Attitudine all'uso prudente degli antibiotici e percezione del rischio antibiotico-resistenza: un'indagine campionaria tra i veterinari clinici dei piccoli animali. *BEN Notiziario ISS* marzo 2006 Vol. 19 n. 3
- Epidemiological situation of Herpesvirus infections in buffalo herds: Bubaline Herpesvirus1 or Bovine Herpesvirus1? *Italian Journal of Animal Science*, Vol. 6 – 2007, Supplement 2 – part 2: 845-849.
- Genetic characterization of equine influenza viruses isolated in Italy between 1999 and 2005. *Virus Research* 131 (2008) 100-105.
- Comparison of indirect fluorescent antibody test and modified agglutination test for detecting *Toxoplasma gondii* immunoglobulin G antibodies in dog and cat. *Parasitology Research*: 2009 Jul;105(1):35-40. Epub 2009 Feb 17
- Protective effect of the AT137RQ and ARQK176 PrP alleles against natural scrapie in sheep. *Veterinary Research* 2009 May-Jun;40(3):19. Epub 2009 Jan 27.
- Feline injection site sarcoma: Recurrence, tumour grading and surgical margin status evaluated using the three-dimensional histological technique. *The Veterinary Journal* 186 (2010) 84–88
- Surveillance model for environmental contaminants through their monitoring in animal production. *Italian Journal of public health (JPH)* - volume 7, Number 1, 2010 3-11
- Contaminazione da abeta-esaclorocicloesano delle aziende bovine da latte della Valle del Sacco (Lazio) Gestione dell'emergenza 2005 e conseguente studio di coorte retrospettivo. *Epidemiol Prev* 2012; 36(5) suppl 4:34-43
- What feedback after five years from the implementation of the Italian National Surveillance Programme (NSP) for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science* 32 (2012) S3-S95 (S87)
- A spatial, statistical approach to map the risk of milk contamination by  $\beta$ -hexachlorocyclohexane in dairy farms. *Geospatial Health* 8(1), 2013, pp. 77-86
- Completeness of the dog registry and estimation of the dog population size in a densely populated area of Rome. *Preventive Veterinary Medicine*. 10/2013; 2014(113):146-151
- Development and evaluation of risk-based surveillance (RBS) for equine infectious anemia (EIA) 10th IEIDC Abstracts / *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science* 39 (2016) S33eS44
- A WEB-based geographic information system (WEBGIS) tool for the control of equine infectious anemia (EIA) 10th IEIDC Abstracts / *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science* 39 (2016) S33eS44
- Control and eradication of tuberculosis in cattle: a systematic review of economic evidence. *Veterinary Record* (2016), 179, 70-75
- "Tuberculosis, brucellosis and leucosis in cattle: a cost description of eradication programmes in the region of Lazio, Italy". *Transbound. Emerg. Dis.* 2017 Oct ;64(5):1493-1504.

### Honours and awards

The 2006 William H. Foege Award for Outstanding Public Health Intervention - 55th Annual Epidemic Intelligence Service Conference April 26, 2006 – Atlanta, Georgia (USA)  
 Division of Epidemiology and Surveillance Capacity Development Coordinating Office of Global Health - Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta, Georgia

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