

For many years she worked at the University of Siena as responsible of the Botanic Garden following research, educational and organizational activities, and since 2002 as permanent researcher and temporary professor in Systematic of lower plants, Museology of Natural Sciences, Biodiversity of fungi. She contributed with lessons at the Summer School Emory @ Unisi, Chemistry for Life & Environment and at the Master 1. level titled "Tutela e gestione di Musei e Collezioni di Beni Naturalistici e Storico scientifici", was "guest-scientist" at the Leopold Freanzens University of Innsbruck and "International Teacher" at the 13th International Herb Symposium, Wheaton College, Boston (USA). She follows Erasmus students of Granada University and was reviewer Regarding the Citizens science she is contact with amateurs and museums, contributing with meetings and excursions.

Her research interest is addressed to Mycology, with emphasis on mushrooms and truffles, monitoring of fungal communities, checking, mapping and conservation topics, like redlisting and identifying Important Fungal Areas.

She cooperate in various national and international projects, is member of the Executive Committee of the European Council for the Conservation of Fungi – ECCF; adviser in Planta Europa Network –PE; member of the World Conservation Union - IUCN Species Survival Commission - Mushroom, Brackets and Puffball Specialist Group; former secretary of the European Mycological Association EMA; member of the council of "Accademia dei Fisocritici".

Was invited at the discussion of various PhD thesis and as speaker at various international congresses, reviewer of manuscripts (Biodiversity and Conservation, Biological Invasions, Bocconea, Plant Biosystems, Fungal Ecology...).

In recognition for her contribution to Plant Conservation in Europe over many years she was presented with the Planta Europa's Silver Leaf Award (2014) and during the XVIII Congress of European Mycologists (2019) her exceptional contribution to fungal conservation was recognized too.

About 200 publications, co-author of some books.