

## Curriculum vitae of Benedetto Terracini

Born 1931. Medical Degree 1953, University of Torino. Post-diploma in Human Pathology 1956 (University of Torino).

Training in chemical carcinogenesis during 1958-60 at the Division of Oncology of the Chicago Medical School (Head, dr. Philippe Shubik). Subsequently, I worked for 18 months (1962-64) as a Research Fellow at the Toxicology Research Unit of the Medical Research Council, Carshalton, Surrey UK (Head, dr. John Barnes).

During 1961-74, assistant (later senior assistant) in Human Pathology of the University of Torino. Since 1974, associate professor (later full professor) of Cancer Epidemiology in the same University. Since 1988, full Professor of Biostatistics. Retired 1999.

During 1981-99, head of the Unit of Cancer Epidemiology of the Teaching Hospital in Torino. Since 1996, this Unit is a part of the Center for Cancer Prevention of the Region Piemonte, of which I have headed until 1997. In addition to descriptive and analytical epidemiology, my expertise includes evaluation of environmental carcinogenic risks. Since its inception (1971), I have frequently collaborated with the "Monographs" Programme for Evaluating Carcinogenic Risks of Chemicals to Man of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization. Since 1977, I have served as a member of the Advisory Committee for Toxicology of the Italian Ministry of Health., During 1976-86, I have been a member of the Advisory Subcommittee for Toxicology of the European Medical Research Councils. During 1983-87, I served as a member of the Scientific Council of IARC and during 1995-98 I have been a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Cancer Research. During 1984-2007, I was a member of the FIS-WHO/Euro Scientific Committee for the Toxic Oil Syndrome in Spain. During 1997-2003, I have been a member of the EU Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and The Environment (CSTEE). I have also served as a member of the Oncological Committee of the Region Piemonte, in Italy. In 1974, I created the Childhood Cancer Registry of Piemonte, which is currently directed by dr. Paola Pisani. I belong to the American Association for Cancer Research, to the European Association for Cancer Research, to the Association des Epidemiologistes de Langue Française, to the International Association of Epidemiology (IAE), to the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), to the Society of Pathology of Great Britain and Ireland.

Since 1999, I am Scientific Editor of "Epidemiologia e Prevenzione" (the Italian journal of Epidemiology). I am a member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health. I have frequently served as an external reviewer of articles submitted to a number of international scientific journals: Archives of Environmental Health, Journal of Clinical Epidemiology and of a number of Italian journals.

As a recognition of my pioneering activity in environmental epidemiology, in 2003, I received the John Goldsmith award of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology.

During 2006-2010, I have been a member of the Ethical Committee of the Spanish National Institute for the study of rare diseases.

During 2008-2011, I have chaired the Scientific Committee of the Asbestos Center of the Region Piemonte and the Scientific Project "Monitor" of the Region Emilia-Romagna on the effects of incinerators on the environment and on human health.

During 2007-2011, I have chaired the Scientific Committee for the Sicilian Project run jointly by the Rome Office of the Centre for Environment and Health of the European Office of the World Health Organization and the Region Sicilia.

I read and write Italian, English and Spanish. I have no problems in speaking and reading French. My scientific production has covered biological aspects of chemical carcinogenesis and cancer epidemiology, human pathology, ethics in public health.

Almost 200 papers of mine are quoted in "Medline". Those including the terms "asbestos" and "ethics" as keywords are respectively 27 and 15

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