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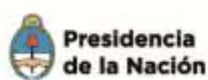
Dr. VINCENZO SILANI

He is Full Professor of Neurology, Director of the Department of Neurology-Stroke Unit and Laboratory of Neuroscience of the University of Milan Medical School at the IRCCS Istituto Auxologico Italiano in Milano and Scientific Director of "Dino Ferrari" Center for Neuromuscular and Neurodegenerative Disease. He was born in Brescia, Italy, April, 24, 1952.

Prof. Silani graduated M.D. in 1977 at the University of Milan Medical School and he obtained a Specialty in Neurology in 1981 and Neurosurgery in 1989. In 1979-80 was post-doctoral Fellow in the Department of Neurology- Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and then Visiting Professor in Neurology at the Baylor College of Medicine (1999).

He is founding member of the Italian Neuropathology Society, Member of numerous scientific societies and national and international committees. He was CoChairman (2002-2005) and Chairman (2005-2007) of the European ALS Consortium (EALSC); Director European Neurological Society (ENS) - Subcommittee for Motor Neuron Disease (2008-now); Co-Director of the European Academy of Neurology Subspeciality Panel ALS and Frontotemporal Dementia (2003- present). He is author of more than 230 scientific publications in major international journals. He was invited lecturer in more than 200 international meetings and symposia.

Regarding to his scientific activity, Vincenzo Silani is internationally recognized as a leading scientist in ALS: he has been interested in ALS since 1977, contributing in many areas in both basic and clinical science. He developed an ALS Center in Milan with a large database of SALS/FALS and a large collection of biological samples. He founded the SLAGEN Consortium in Italy (2010) and completed one of the largest GWA for SALS in 2014. He largely contributed in defining the expression of different new genes in both SALS and FALS, investigating the functional role of TDP43, FUS/TLS, and C9ORF72. He has been P.I. of many clinical trials in ALS and recipient of many grants.

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