# Short Curriculum Vitae Prof. Marco Cespi

**BIBLIOMETRIC INDEX:** Total publications: 115; H index = 28; Total citations: 2554; (source Scopus).

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY: The research activity of Marco Cespi focused in several aspect of the Pharmaceutical Technology, such as the characterization of rheological and mechanical properties of pharmaceutical materials intended for solid dosage formulations. In addition, a relevant part of the research activity concerned the study of colloidal systems as vehicles for drugs with different features. In the last years, through collaboration with researchers from other sectors, part of the research activity was devoted to the application of technologies and methodologies commonly used in the pharmaceutical area in different fields, such as agricultural, food and pest control. Specifically, the research involved both the optimization of the extraction process of essential oils (or other extracts) than their formulation into proper water-based vehicles to be used in real world application.

### **ATTRACTION OF FUNDS:**

- 2020 -Erasmus+ KA107 -Higher education student and staff mobility between Unicam- Applied Science Private University (Jordan)
- 2018 Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education Call for Proposals 2018 EAC/A05/2017 KA2 Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education title "Cooperation in Quality Assurance for Pharmacy Education and Training between Europe and Latin America". Unit component
- 2018 -University Research Projects FAR (fondo ateneo per la ricerca) 2018, project title: "Silverskin and spent coffee: two by-products of the coffee production chain as promising source of nutraceuticals and ingredients for fertilizing products": Unit leader
- 2015 Progetto "polisaccaridi ad azione addensante e stabilizzante di sospensioni " Aboca SPA società agricola.
- 2014 Progetto "Le proprietà tecnologiche e applicative di basi emulsionanti per la produzione di prodotti topici (dispositivi medici e cosmetici) certificabili biologici" Aboca SPA società agricola.

### INSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Member of the the commissione paritetica of the School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino (from 11/24/2017 until now).

Vice-Director of the School of Specialization in hospital pharmacy of the University of Camerino (from 11/24/2021 until now).

## NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ABILITATION:

- -2017: National Scientific Abilitation as Associate Professor in Pharmaceutical Technology (SSD CHIM/09).
- -2020: National Scientific Abilitation as Full Professor in Pharmaceutical Technology (SSD CHIM/09).

### **EDUCATION**

- 2008: PhD Pharmaceutical Sciences, specialization in Food Chemistry, University of Camerino.
- Master degree in Chimica e Tecnologia Farmaceutiche, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Camerino final score: 110/110 cum laude.

# WORK/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

- 2017/untill now: Associate Professor in "Pharmaceutical Technology" (SD CHIM/09, SC 03/D2) at the School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino (Italy).
- 2014/2017: Assistant Professor (temporary position ricercatore universitario a tempo determinato, art.24, comma 3, lettera b, legge 240/2010) in "Pharmaceutical Technology" (SD CHIM/09, SC 03/D2) at the School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino (Italy).
- 2009/2014: Assistant Professor (temporary position) in in "Pharmaceutical Technology" (SD CHIM/09, SC 03/D2) at the School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino (Italy).
- 2004: Term-contract worker (contratto a progetto) on the topic "viscoelasticity and rheological properties of pharmaceutical materials" at the R&D department of Eurand spa (current Aptalis), Pessano con Bornago, (Italy).

# **SPIN OFF**

Co-founder and Vice-president of the startup "Pharma & Food Consulting Srl (PFC).

#### **PATENT**

European Patent EP-3513782-A1 (Priority 2018/01/18). Owner: University of Camerino (IT), Pharma & Food Consulting Srl (IT) and INRCA Istituto Naz Riposo E Cura Anziani (IT). Inventors: Bonacucina Giulia, Cespi Marco, Casettari Luca, Torregiani Elisabetta, Logrippo Serena, Palmieri Giovanni Filippo, Perinelli Diego Romano, Ganzetti Roberta, Sestili Matteo. Title: "Gel formulations for oral administration of drugs, in particular to dysphagic patients.

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