



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Board of Directors (2 x Positions)

Professional affiliations: Former Director of the Turtle Point of Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn Naples Italy

Country of residence: Italia

Geographic area of work: Mediterranean sea

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

Researcher particularly in the field of maintenance and care of turtles damaged by human activities for the purpose of their reintroduction in the wild Founder of the 1st public hospital for sea turtles in the Mediterranean Among the most significant researches: the satellite monitoring of Caretta caretta in the Mediterranean (first experience in this sea)

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

40 years

Which Annual Sea Turtle Symposia, or Annual Workshops have you attended?

I'm not sure I remember them all :

1994 in Hilton Head - South Carolina, 1996 Hilton head SC. , 1997 Orlando Florida, 1998 Mazatlan, Sinaloa Mexico, 2000 Orlando, , 2003 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, 2004 Costa Rica , 2006 Athens Greece, 2011 San Diego, 2015 Dalyan Turkey and 2010 GOA.

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

Apart from the presentation of oral papers and posters, on several occasion I have been a member of the scientific council for the preparation of the symposia and I acted as chairman. In 2015, during the 35 th Annual symposium in Dalaman Turkey , ISTS awarded me in recognition of my contribution toward the study and protection of sea turtles.

What would you like the Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, and membership to know about you as a candidate for your nominated position? In what ways would you like to contribute to the Symposium/ International Sea Turtle Society? How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

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Why is the ISTS as an organization important to you, professionally and personally? What is your vision for the ISTS over the next 5 to 10 years?

ISTS is important to me both professionally and personally. Professionally because it allows me to always be updated on the progress of research and the degree of protection achieved. Personally, because continuing to be in the world of turtles gives meaning to all the commitment that I have dedicated to these animals for years. The thing I want most today is the possibility of passing on all my experience to the new generations.

Face of climate change , the life of turtles is becoming more complicated. It is our task to follow these changes carefully and to identify new strategies for their conservation. The ISTS will focus its efforts on these aspects in the years to come.

Please include a 250-word bio

Born in Milan on February 24, 1948

Nationality Italian

Graduated with praise in Biological Sciences at Naples University "Federico II"and

Postgraduated in Ichthyology at Musé d'Histoire Naturelle-laboratoire d'Ichthyologie, Paris France

Employment

2020-2021 Scientific Consultant for MEDASSET org. & MAVA Foundation- Grecia

1998 to day Scientific Consultant for Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas -RAC-SPA (UNEP)

2017-febbraio 2021 Member of the Board of the Directors of the Bioparco Foundation of Rome (Italy)

2016 2018 Associated Researcher CNR- IAMC (Centro Nazionale Ricerche- Istituto Ambiente Marino Costiero) Oristano Sardegna

2004 – 2013 Founder and Director of “Turtle Point, rescue and rehabilitation Center for Marine Turtles”, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn of Naples (SZN) Italy

1983 Nominated Curator of Public Aquarium and Museum of Scientific Collections (SZN), Italy

1973-2013 Employed at the SZN Italy

Last Professional Experiences and Service

Preparation of the Master Plan for the Bioparco Foundation of Rome

Development of a Mediterranean Stranding Protocol and Database- (MEDASSET MAVA)

Evaluation and updating of the Mediterranean Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Turtles – UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention (SPA/RAC)

Assessment of the Available Data to Propose GES targets for IMAP CI 24 – (SPA/RAC) UNEP

National training workshop on monitoring techniques of Marine turtles- Tyr (Lebanon) (SPA/RAC) UNEP

2017 Organization of the workshop on Sea turtles Necropsy in Tumeç,-Malaysia (Fisheries Research Institute Rantau Abang)

Mission to Tunisia for implementation and update of “Centre de secours des tortues marines de Monastir” of INSTM (SPA/RAC TUNIS)

Missions to Lebanon at Tyre Coast Nature Reserve for the scientific and technical assistance and creation of a First Aid for Marine Turtles (SPA/RAC) UNEP

Advising to the Stazione Zoologica Napoli Italy for the project Marine Litter descriptor 10 of the Marine Strategy of the EU

Implementation and update of the Mediterranean Action Plan for Marine Turtles UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention (SPA/RAC)

Organization and Presidency of the 4th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, promoted by UNEP (RAC-SPA) and Council of Europe according the Barcelona, Bonn and Berne Conventions

Member of the Committee, nominated by the Ministry of Natural Resources, for the elaboration of guidelines for Marine Turtle Rescue Centres in Italy and for the implementation of a National Action Plan for the conservation of marine turtles
- Elaboration of the “Guidelines for the to improve the involvement of marine rescue centres for marine turtles” in the Mediterranean RAC-SPA

Photo:

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Section 3: Declaration

Circle your response to the below statements:

I am a current member of ISTS Yes

I have read and understand the ISTS by-laws and constitution Yes

I have read and understand the terms of reference for the position which I am nominating for: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees, I understand that the Annual Board Retreat is usually in the 3rd week of August: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees: Please read the following statement and add your initials below to confirm you understand the workload involved:

The Board is a working Board. All members of the Board are expected to carry the workload, share the responsibility of assigned tasks, and respond to written communications – this can typically be 40+ hours per year in addition to the Board meeting at the Symposium and the Board Retreat. If Board members do not actively participate, they will be asked to resign.

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