

Prof Maria Lodovica Gullino

Prof M Lodovica Gullino was born at Saluzzo, Italy. All of her career has been based at the University of Torino, where she is Professor of Biological and Integrated Plant Disease Management in the School of Biotechnology, Director of AGROINNOVA and Vice-Rector for International Affairs. During the 1980's she spent several periods of research at Wageningen University, the Netherlands and at Maryland, Cornell and Penn State Universities, USA. She was Vice President of the International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP) during 2003-2008, and was elected President for 2008-2013.



She is Past President of the Italian Society for Crop Protection and of the Italian Association of the Agricultural Scientific Societies. Her research interests focus on plant disease management, biological and integrated control of plant diseases, crop biosecurity, effects of climate change on plant diseases, and sustainable agriculture. She has co-authored ten books, and published over 500 scientific papers and reviews in Italian and international Journals.

Prof Gullino has been heavily involved in international activities, in research, teaching and knowledge and technology transfer. Since 1998 she has been in charge of International Affairs at the University of Torino. In 2002, with Prof Angelo Garibaldi, she established AGROINNOVA, a Centre of Competence for the agro-environmental and agro-food sector, which has rapidly gained national and international recognition. She is a member of international committees dealing with environmental issues, and has been consultant for the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea since 1992. She is Director of International High Level Courses on Sustainable Development for Chinese and Eastern Europe officers at the Venice International University.

Prof Gullino is Editor of *Informatore Fitopatologico - La Difesa delle Piante* (2000-2007), and in 2008 launched, with Prof Garibaldi, *Protezione delle Colture* (the Italian Journal of Crop Protection). She co-operates with several technical journals, with special interest in technology transfer. She has coordinated and managed many national and international research projects (in China and other developing countries), and has organised several national and international congresses, including the 9th International Congress of Plant Pathology (Torino, 2008). She has received several awards from the public institutions and private companies, including the Novamont Prize for Sustainable Development (2002), the GAMMA DONNA special mention (for AGROINNOVA's innovation and creativity) by the Torino Unione Industriali of Torino (2004), and the van Den Brande Prize (2005) from the University of Gent (Belgium) for her achievements in crop protection.

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