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Key Skills and Qualities

- Medical doctor with 3 years experience as consultant in environment and health at the World Health Organization
- Very motivated and capable to work independently on multiple projects, performing well under pressure and able to meet tight deadlines
- Excellent project management and organizational skills
- Profound sense of ethic and able to work in collaborative and inclusive way, as well as in multicultural environments
- Fluent in English, French and Spanish. Italian mother-tongue

Working Experience

01/2019 – now

Consultant - environmental health education and capacity building of the health workforce

World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health - Geneva

- In charge of project design and implementation of the first WHO plan of action to build capacity of the health workforce to deal with air pollution and health issues;
- In charge of the development of technical and educational material on air pollution and health for clinicians and public health professionals;
- Conduction of scientific literature review on air pollution and negative health outcomes such as non-communicable diseases, both focusing on pathological pathways and mechanisms of disease, burden of disease, as well as ambient and household air pollution public health interventions;
- Responsible for the coordination of external experts and collaborators from international medical/scientific societies, academia as well as national government representatives and civil society;
- Speaker in different scientific congresses and events (e.g. International Scientific Society for Environmental Epidemiology, European Society of Cardiology, Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini dei Medici Chirurghi e degli Odontoiatri (Italian College of Physicians) etc.;

01/2018 – 12/2018

Consultant - First WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health

World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health - Geneva

- Focal point for conference donors representing an overall amount of USD 150,000 as financial contribution in the conference organization (e.g. UNDESA, UNAIDS, etc.);
- Focal point for Permanent Missions, Ministries of Health, Ministries of Environment and other Ministries relevant to the discourse (e.g. Ministries of Energy, Transport, etc.);
- Provided inputs to the WHO staff to shape the agenda and conference technical briefings;
- Setting criteria for WHO financial support of selected conference attendees, succeeding in funding the participation of more than 200 invitees;
- Coordinated the participation in the conference of Mayors and other local governments representatives and followed up to their commitment to join the WHO-UNEP-CCAC BreatheLife campaign;
- In charge of the project design and fundraising to support the artistic installation "Pollution Pods" at the margin of the Conference at Place de Nation (broken chair), funds obtained from the Swiss Confederation;
- Coordination of the interns and volunteers supporting the unit before and during the conference

03/2017 – 05/2017

Intern - Climate Change and Health Unit

World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health - Geneva

- Finalization of the Italian Climate Change and Health Country Profile in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Health, the National Health Institute and other important stakeholders at the government and academic level;
- Presented WHO's work on climate change and health at the UN Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness annual meeting;
- Assisted in the organization of WHO side events at the SBSTA session, part of the process of COP23, in Bonn, Germany

01/2017 – 06/2017

First Aid Teacher

BLSA Europe, Rome, Italy

- Providing first aid training lessons to different companies;
- Simulation of emergency scenarios and BLSA procedures for the trainees/employees;
- 3 companies in Veneto and Emilia Romagna, overall 120 employees trained

01/2014 – 10/2017

Journalist and writing contributor

Several Italian magazines and newspapers

- VVOX italian online newspaper - Vicenza, Italy
- UPPA - Un Pediatra Per Amico, online and paper magazine on children's health for parents
- The Vision - online magazine with more than 300.000 FB followers
- Other collaborations: Il Fatto Quotidiano, Gli Stati Generali, Health and Development (CUAMM), Saluteinternazionale.info

10/2012 – 10/2014

National Officer of Human Rights and Peace

Italian Secretariat of Medical Students - SISM, www.sism.org

- In charge of the coordination of 37 SISM Local Committees (37 Italian Faculties of Medicine) in terms of activities, events, working groups, advocacy actions on human rights and global health topics such as social determinants of health, climate change, migration and health, health in jail, international cooperation;
- National focal point in charge of the design and implementation of "Caught from Inside: the other side of life" a European project for law and medical students on the rights of inmates;
- Coordinator of the SISM partnerships with national NGOs such as CUAMM - Doctors with Africa, Italian Climate Network (ICN), European Law Students' Association (ELSA), Libera - Associazioni, nomi e numeri contro la mafia, etc.

Clinical Experiences

06/2017 – 01/2018

General Practitioner replacement

Rome and Vicenza, Italy

- one week replacement of a family doctor in Vicenza, January 2018
- 3 days replacement of a family doctor in Rome, June 2017

10/2015 – 11/2017

Caritas - Migrant Health Clinic, Rome, Italy

Weekly Clinical Placement in Maternal and Women's Health, General Medicine

- Assisting the Gyn/Ob medical staff in performing medical history collection, clinical visits and addominal/transvaginal ultrasounds in women attending the clinic;
- Assisting family medicine clinical staff and nurses with diabetic wound care;
- Volunteering at the clinical room reception in providing useful information on the local free services for vulnerable people (daily canteens, dormitories, associations taking care of homeless people and undocumented immigrants)

11/2016 – 12/2016

UOC Psichiatria Psicofarmacologia Clinica e SPDC - Policlinico Umberto I, Rome, Italy

Clinical Placement in Psychiatry, observing student

- Participation in the daily group therapy focused on eating disorders
- Attendance of shifts in Psychiatric Diagnosis and Treatment Unit
- Assisting in psychiatric consultations in other hospital departments

10/2016 – 11/2016

St. Luke Hospital, Wolisso, Ethiopia

Clinical Placement in Gynecology and Obstetrics

- Visiting student as part of the international cooperation project led by CUAMM - Doctors with Africa
 - Assisting local medical staff in the performance of ultrasound exams in pregnant and non-pregnant women
 - Daily attendance of delivery room, monitoring progression of pregnant women labour (cervix dilatation, fetal heart rate, etc.)
- 01/2016 – 06/2016 **UOC Ginecologia e Ostetricia - Ospedale Sandro Pertini, Rome, Italy**
Clinical training and data collection - Gynecology and Obstetrics
- Responsible for my thesis dissertation study design and collection of data;
 - Performed clinical interviews and noted the medical history of pregnant women willing to participate in the study;
 - Collecting and storing maternal and umbilical blood samples and responsible for blood centrifuging;
 - Attendance of the delivery room and Ob/Gyn surgery room
- 10/2014 – 11/2014 **UOC Pneumologia - Azienda Ospedaliera-Universitaria Sant'Andrea, Rome, Italy**
Clinical training in Respiratory Health
- Daily in-patient visits: medical history collection and clinical visit
 - Attending clinical room for spirometry tests;
 - Performance of blood draw and Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) test, when requested by the chief medical officer
- 02/2012 – 03/2012 **Institute for Indian Mother and Child (IIMC), Kolkata, India**
Clinical training in internal medicine
- Attendance of outdoor medical center and indoor children hospital - internal medicine and skin burn treatments;
 - Provision of intramuscular painkiller injections and medication of wounds under the supervision of on-site medical staff

Education

- 10/2019 – now **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)**
Master in Public Health
Enrolled
- 2009 – 09/2016 **Sapienza, University of Rome - Faculty of Medicine and Surgery**
Doctor of Medicine, MD degree
Thesis dissertation: Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Birth Outcomes
- 06/2016 – 08/2016 **Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health**
Environmental Health Sciences Department
visiting student, scholarship winner

Volunteering

- 06/2017 – now **Climate and Health Coordinator**
Italian Climate Network, Milan, www.italiaclima.org
- In charge of advocacy and raising awareness activities on climate change and health for both the general public and the health professionals;
 - Speaker and trainer at different events at a the national level;
 - Writing contributor for articles and papers relevant to the subject
- 02/2019 – now **Cultura Italia - sans frontières, Geneva**
Radio speaker - Mezz'Ora Italia
- Mezz'Ora Italia is a weekly radio programme in collaboration with Radio Cité Genève 92.2 aiming at promoting the Italian culture in Geneva
 - selection of Italian music, interviewing relevant Italian personalities
 - www.culturaitalia.ch

Competences

Languages	Fluent in English, French and Spanish; Italian mother-tongue
IT	STATA and R programming language (basic), MS-Office, Latex, Keynote, Wordpress
Science and Communication	Scientific paper writing, dissemination of scientific knowledge writing, podcasts author

Conferences

- *Climate Change and Health - TPH Winter Symposium*
Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland – Dec 2019
- *World heart Federation panel on Air pollution and Non-Communicable Diseases (invited speaker)*
World Congress of Cardiology, Paris, France – Sept 2019
- *Improve Environmental Health Competence for Research and Actions: Sentinel Physicians for the Environment - pre-conference workshop (invited speaker)*
International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), Utrecht, The Netherlands – Aug 2019
- *Sfide globali per il personale sanitario (invited speaker)*
Autonomous Province of Trento, International Cooperation Centre, Trento, IT, June 2019
- *Risk communication and personal level intervention to reduce exposure and to minimize the health effects of air pollution*
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland – Feb 2019
- *First WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health: Improving Air Quality, Combatting Climate Change – Saving Lives*
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland – Nov 2018
- *Clima, Inquinamento Atmosferico e Salute (invited speaker)*
ISDE International Society of Doctors for the Environment, Taranto, Italy – May 2018
- *Non ci sono piu' le mezze stagioni, seminar (invited speaker)*
Forgiareidee and Italian Climate Network, Vicenza, Italy – April 2018
- *Cambiamenti Climatici e Salute nella Vision Planetary Health, final workshop CCM (invited speaker)*
Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini dei Medici Chirurghi e degli Odontoiatri (FNOMCeO), Rome – Mar 2018
- *SBSTA 46 – 46th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice*
UNFCCC headquarters, Bonn, Germany – May 2017
- *UN Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness (invited speaker)*
UNFCCC headquarters, Annual Meeting, Bonn, Germany – May 2017
- *Old and new risks: challenges for environmental epidemiology*
International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), Rome, Italy – Sept 2016
- *Ethics and Teaching - Criticalities and evolutions in medical education, seminar (invited speaker)*
Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy – May 2015
- *Globalization, Humanism and Communication, seminar (invited speaker)*
Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy – May 2015
- *Improving planning methodologies & data across Europe Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting*
Ministry of Health, Rome, Italy – Dec 2014
- *A decent life for all: Equal Opportunities for Health (invited speaker)*
Doctors with Africa – CUAMM, Padua, Italy – Apr 2014
- *Austerity and Health (invited speaker)*
AMREF Health Africa, Rome, Italy – May 2013
- *IFMSA – International Federation of Medical Students' Associations General Assemblies*
 - August 2014, Taipei (Taiwan)
 - March 2014, Hammamet (Tunisia)
 - August 2013, Santiago de Chile (Chile)
 - March 2013, Baltimora (USA)

Workshops

- *Climate Change and Health*, workshop ECM (**invited speaker**)
Centro Studi Orvieto, University of Perugia, Italy – May 2017
- *Sustainability and Resilience in the face of Climate Change*
IFMSA – International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, Taipei, Taiwan – 1-5 Aug 2014
- *Equal Opportunities for Health: action for development*
Partnership Meeting of the EU funded project for the teaching of Global Health in Europe, Brasov, Romania – 15-17 May 2014
- *The Struggle for Health - International People's Health University*
PHM - People's Health Movement and University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece – 24 Nov-1 Dec 2013
- *An Introduction to Health and Migration*
Società Italiana Medicina delle Migrazioni, Rome, Italy – 2-4 Oct 2013

Membership

- World Heart Federation Air Pollution Expert Group (as WHO focal point)
- Italian Network of Sentinel Doctors for the Environment, ISDE Italy - Doctors for the Environment (<https://www.isde.it/rimsa/>)
- Scientific Advisory Group of the World Family Doctors (WONCA) Air pollution and Health training programme
- Technical staff member Italian Ministry of Health project "Cambiamenti Climatici e salute nella vision della Planetary Health" (2017)
- Alumni - International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA)
- Honorary Membership - Italian Secretariat of Medical Students (SISM)