

Professor Sergio Caroli graduated in Chemistry in 1968 ("La Sapienza" University, Rome). Since then he was a member of the permanent staff of the National Health Institute (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS). He was appointed Research Director in 1983 and retired in 2010.

He was the Delegate for Italy at the Working Group for Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); member of the National Board for GLP of the Health Ministry; member of the Scientific Committee of the ISS; National Correspondent of the International Register of Potentially Toxic Substances (IRPTC) of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP); member of the National Board for Research in Antarctica; member of the Research Project on Depleted Uranium of the Defence Ministry; member of the Steering Committee of the Analytical Chemistry Division of the Italian Chemical Society; member of the Editorial Board of several national and international scientific journals.

He has coordinated a number of national and international research projects, such as those between Italy and Hungary (1978 - 2006) in the framework of the governmental bilateral technical and scientific cooperation programmes. Since 1983 he promotes the Italian-Hungarian Symposia on Spectrochemistry (14 editions to date).

The Hungarian Government conferred upon him the highest National scientific honor (*Magyar Népköztársaság Csillagrendje*).

The University Eötvös Loránd of Budapest conferred on him an honorary degree and the title of Honorary Professor.

The Hungarian Chemical Society awarded him the Tibor Török medal for his scientific activity.

He is Knight and Officer of the Italian Republic.

The American Microchemical Society conferred on him the Benedetti-Pichler award for his scientific career.

He participated in more than 260 scientific conferences, training courses and workshops of which he was often the promoter and the organizer.

He authored about 400 scientific papers and is the editor of seven books.