



## **NAME** **Cosimo Lacirignola**

### **Personal Details**

**Date of Birth, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1957**  
**Nationality: Italian**  
**Married with three Children**

### **EDUCATION**

**University of Bologna, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Degree in Agricultural Economics, (110/110 cum laude) 1977-1981**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>October 2013 to date</b>
Occupation or position held	Secretary General ad interim of CIHEAM
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1988 – to date</b>
Occupation or position held	Director of the CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In charge of the CIHEAM-MAIB research networks with Universities, Research Institutes and Organisations in the Mediterranean basin, on issues relating to the Mediterranean agriculture</li><li>• In charge of EU-DGVI, DGXII, DG-I projects (MEDA programme)</li><li>• In charge of the projects launched by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Directorate General Cooperation for Development for the Mediterranean countries</li></ul>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>2006 - 2010</b>
Occupation or position held	President of Fiera del Levante
<b>Dates</b>	<b>2006 – to date</b>
Occupation or position held	Director of the Journal “NEW MEDIT”
<b>Dates</b>	<b>2006 - 2008</b>
Occupation or position held	Advisor to the Italian Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Paolo De Castro, for the international relations of the agri-food sector (MIPAAF).
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretary General of the Italian Committee connecting the Italian Government and the FAO;</li><li>• Advisor to the Italian Minister of Agriculture for the international relations;</li></ul>

<b>Dates</b>	<b>2002 - 2006</b>
Occupation or position held	Advisor to the Italian Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Gianni Alemanno, for the Mediterranean Countries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focal point for the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of the Ministers of Agriculture (Venice, 27 November 2003).</li> </ul>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1999 - 2000</b>
Occupation or position held	Head of the International Relations Office at the Italian Ministry of Agriculture;
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of the NATO-EU General Affairs Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Policies;</li> <li>• Secretary General of the Italian Committee connecting the Italian Government and the FAO;</li> <li>• Advisor to the Italian Minister of Agriculture for the international relations;</li> <li>• Member of the "Millenium Round" working group appointed by the Minister De Castro.</li> </ul>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1990 - 2005</b>
Occupation or position held	Director of "MEDIT" international journal for Economy, Agriculture and Environment
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1983 - 1987</b>
Occupation or position held	Principal administrator at the Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes- General Secretariat in Paris
Main activities and responsibilities	Elaboration of decisions and proposals of the CIHEAM Governing Board, Scientific Advisory Committee, ad hoc Groups; coordination of research activities of Bari and Chania Mediterranean Agronomic Institutes; coordination of agricultural research in the CIHEAM-member states; responsible for the relations with Egypt, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Yugoslavia and with the international organizations: EEC, FAO, FIDA, ICARDA, Council of Europe; organization of workshops, conferences, international round tables in the various member states.
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1982 - 1983</b>
Occupation or position held	EEC-DG VI/F/I officer
Main activities and responsibilities	In charge of studying the elaboration of structural measures, elaboration and application of community programmes dealing with the integrated development of Mediterranean regions (PIM)
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1982 - 1983</b>
Occupation or position held	Researcher at EEC-DG VI/F/4
Main activities and responsibilities	Research in Agriculture: Analysis of situations and production reorientation in the south of Italy and solution proposals within integrated development programmes
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1981 - 1982</b>
Occupation or position held	Assistant Researcher at the Institute of Agricultural Economics, Bologna University

## RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS

Co-author of some 70 scientific publications on the following topics: agricultural cooperation in Euro-Mediterranean countries; Natural resources; Management of water resources, soil and plants

## LANGUAGES

Mother tongue(s)	<b>Italian</b>									
Other language(s)										
Self-assessment <i>European level (*)</i>	<b>Understanding</b>				<b>Speaking</b>				<b>Writing</b>	
	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
<b>French</b>	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
<b>English</b>	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Commodore National Medal of the Italian Republic
- Commodore National Cedars Medal of the Lebanese Republic
- Doctor Honoris Causa in Agriculture , Tirana University
- Honorary Dean of the Mediterranean university “René Cassin”, Nice
- “Mediterraneo” Award Foggia University and Fiera di Foggia
- “Paul Harris” Award Rotary International
- “Renoir” Award, Centro di Cultura, Taranto