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Current position

- Associate Professor, Section of Psychiatry, Department of Neurosciences, Biomedicine and Movement Sciences, University of Verona, Verona, Italy;
- Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, UOC Psichiatria, Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata (AOUI) di Verona (Verona Academic Hospital Trust), Verona, Italy.

Titles

- Doctor in Medicine; University of Ferrara, 1991
- Specialist in Psychiatry; University of Ferrara, 1996
- PhD in Psychiatric Sciences; University of Verona, 2000

Postdoctoral stages

- Research fellow at the Department of Pharmacology, University of Ferrara, Italy (1991).
- Research fellow at the Psycho-oncology and Psychiatric Consultation-Liaison Unit, Department of Psychiatry, University of Ferrara, Italy (1991-1996).
- Research fellow at the Department of Medicine and Public Health, Section of Psychiatry, University of Verona, Italy (1996-2001).

Teaching

- Lecture Course *Clinical Psychiatry* (“Anxiety and depressive disorders”) for postgraduate students in Psychiatry at Medical School, University of Verona.
- Lecture Course *Psychopathology* for postgraduate students in Legal Medicine at Medical School, University of Verona.
- Lecture Course *Management of Psychiatric conditions in palliative care* for postgraduate students, Master in Palliative Care, University of Verona.
- Lecture Course *Psychiatric Epidemiology*, Master in Advanced Psychiatric Nursing, Bolzano, Italy
- Member of the Teaching Staff Body for the Doctorate (PhD) in the *Sciences of Psychology and Psychiatry*, University of Verona.
- Dr. Lasalvia has held several monographic seminars and courses in several different mental health institutions throughout Italy on Psychiatric Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry with specific emphasis on Outcome assessment of psychiatric care in routine clinical practice.

Research

From 1997 to the present, Prof. Lasalvia has participated to the research activities of the Research Unit “Environmental, Clinical and Genetic Determinants of Outcome of Mental Disorders” (Coordinator, Prof. Mirella Ruggeri), at the Section of Psychiatry, Department of Neurosciences, Biomedicine and Movement

Sciences, University of Verona, and WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health and Service Evaluation. His main fields of interest include:

- epidemiological and social psychiatry
- mental health service evaluation
- outcome for psychiatric disorders in routine mental health settings
- determinants of first-episode psychoses
- working stress and job burnout among mental health professionals
- stigma and discrimination in persons with mental disorders

Prof. Lasalvia has participated over the past twenty years to a number of national and international research programs. Specifically:

- From 1996 to 2000 - Research Fellow in the *South-Verona Outcome Project (SVOP)*, a naturalistic longitudinal research project (Project coordinator Prof. Mirella Ruggeri, University of Verona) assessing the outcome of care provided by the South-Verona Community Mental Health Service; specifically the SVOP aimed at: a) investigating outcomes of community care using a naturalistic and longitudinal approach; b) identifying topics of interest for experimental studies; c) promoting standardization of routine clinical assessments; the assessment model considers psychopathology, social disability, needs for care, quality of life, service satisfaction and takes into account the perspectives of patients, relatives and professionals.
- From 1997 to 2000 - Research Staff Member of the Verona site in the EU founded multisite study (Amsterdam, Copenhagen, London, Santander and Verona) *EPSILON Study of Schizophrenia* (Project coordinator: Prof. Graham Thornicroft, Institute of Psychiatry at the King's College, London), which aimed to: a) to produce standardized European versions of five instruments in key areas of mental health service research; b) to compare data from five European countries about characteristics of patients with schizophrenia, and of mental health care they receive.
- From 2004 to 2010 - Vice coordinator of the *Psychosis Incident Cohort Outcome Study (PICOS)* (Project coordinator Prof. Mirella Ruggeri, University of Verona), a large multi-site naturalistic study on incident cases of psychosis attending public mental health services in the Veneto Region, Italy. The study covers a catchment area of 3.800.000 inhabitants, one of the largest ever reported in the literature. The PICOS aims to develop a comprehensive model for predicting clinical and social outcome of first-episode psychoses by integrating genetic, MRI and psychosocial factors. Within the PICOS Dr. Lasalvia received a grant from the Regione Veneto, as Principal Investigator, in the context of the Ricerca Sanitaria Finalizzata 2005 (title of the research "*Genotype, endophenotype, phenotype: identifying etiopathogenetic factors for psychoses in order to build models of prevention and targeted therapy*").
- From March 2005 to March 2007 - Research Staff Member in the multisite research project (Bologna, Florence, Milan and Verona) "*Schizotaxia: epidemiology and clinical and neuropsychological validation*" (Project co-ordinator: Prof. Silvio Scarone, University of Milan), funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Scientific Research within the framework of "Programmi di Ricerca Scientifica di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN)".
- From June 2006 to June 2008 - Research Staff Member for the Verona site in the multisite *International Study of Discrimination and Stigma Outcomes (INDIGO)* (Project Leader: Prof. Graham Thornicroft, Institute of Psychiatry at the King's College, London), which aimed to assess how stigma and discrimination affect the lives of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia.
- From January 2007 to January 2009 - Co-ordination for the Verona site at the data collection for the EU founded (DG-SANCO) multisite international project *Institutional Treatment, Human rights and Care Assessment (ITHACA)* (Project Leader: Prof. Graham Thornicroft, Institute of Psychiatry at the King's College, London), aiming to develop a tool to assess human rights and physical health of people living in psychiatric institutions.

- In 2009 Prof. Lasalvia was involved in the panel of independent experts appointed by the EU Commission for the evaluation of proposals submitted to the call “Psycho-social factors of brain disorders” within the EU 7th Framework Program (FP7) – Health – Area "Brain and brain-related diseases".
- From January 2009 to December 2011 - Principal Investigator for the Verona site of the EU funded (DG-SANCO) multisite research project *Anti Stigma Programme: European Network (ASPEN)* (Project Leader: Prof. Graham Thornicroft, Institute of Psychiatry at the King’s College, London), aiming to investigating self perceived stigma in persons with major depression.
- From December 2008 to December 2011 - Principal Investigator in the national multisite research program “*Genetics, Endophenotype, Treatment: Understanding early Psychosis (GET UP)*” funded by the Italian Ministry of Health within the framework of the “Ricerca Sanitaria Finalizzata Nazionale” 2007 (Program National Coordinator: Prof. Mirella Ruggeri, University of Verona). This Program aims to set up specific, evidence-based forms of psychosocial intervention for patients with first-episode psychosis and their family members, and to use a randomized, controlled trial to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of these interventions in the everyday clinical practice.
- From August 2011 to May 2015 - Research Staff Member of the affiliated site of Verona in the EU funded (under the 7th Framework Program) multisite international research project *EUropean network of national schizophrenia network studying Gene-Environment Interaction (EU GEI)* (Project coordinator: Prof. Jim van Os, Maastricht University). This is a large European program (incident and case control study) aiming to explore the role of genetic and environmental factors (and their possible interactions) on the onset of schizophrenia spectrum psychoses.
- From February 2014 to February 2018 - Co-principal Investigator for the Verona site in the EU funded (under the 7th Framework Program) multisite international research project “*Comparing policy framework, structure, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of functional and integrated systems of mental health care*” (COFI) (Project Coordinator: Prof. Stefan Priebe, Queen Mary University, London), aiming to assess effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of functional vs. integrated systems of mental health care across five European countries.

Scientific Journals

- Associated Editor of *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences*
- Member of the editorial board of *Psichiatria di Comunità*
- Referee for a number of international psychiatric journals

Publications

Prof. Lasalvia has published so far **202** papers. Specifically:

- 101 papers published on international peer reviewed journals;
- 7 papers published on international books or monographs;
- 23 papers published on national journals;
- 33 papers published on national books or monographs;
- 1 book published in Italian;
- 1 monograph published in English;
- 36 abstracts published on international monograph supplement journals.

Papers published on international journals have been cited **2420** times in the international literature (Citation Index) according to *ISI Web of Science (h-index = 25)*; **2479** times according to *SCOPUS (h-index = 30)*; and **3640** times according to *Google Scholar (h-index = 31)*.