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His research activities deal with industrial, environmental and biomedical applications of plasmas, which are characterized by the common need of innovative and advanced treatments aimed at enhancing specific properties of different materials (from polymers to metals, from ceramics to biological substrates).

He has been (2016-2017) President of the International Plasma Chemistry Society-IPCS (<u>www.ispc-conference.org/</u>) and has been nominated chairman of the forthcoming 24th International Sympos ium on Plasma Chemistry to be held in Naples, Italy, 9-14 June 2019 (<u>www.ispc24.org</u>). He is also member of: the Board of Directors of the International Society for Plasma Medicine-ISPM; the I nternational Advisory Board of Plasma Processes and Polymers journal; the Editorial Board of the

Plasma Medicine Journal; of the Editorial Board of the open access journal Plasma (<u>www.mdpi.c</u> <u>om/journal/plasma</u>); of the Editorial Board of the Plasma Research Express journal; of the Euro pean Joint Committee on Plasma and Ion Surface Engineering - EJC/PISE. He is Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions in Radiation and Plasma Medical Sciences (IEEE TRPMS). He has su pervised 15 PhD students and many post-docs and young researchers. He is author of 110 papers in peer-reviewed international journals, besides a few patents in the field of thermal and non-ther

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