

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM DEL PROF. LEONETTI FRANCESCO

Il prof. Leonetti Francesco è nato a Rossano (CS-----). Si è laureato *summa cum laude* in Chimica e Tecnologia Farmaceutiche presso l'Università degli Studi di Bari il 07-04-1995.

Nel 1999 il prof. Leonetti ha conseguito il titolo di dottore di ricerca in Chimica del Farmaco discutendo una tesi dal titolo: “*Rational Design, Combinatorial Synthesis and Molecular Modeling of Enzyme Inhibitors and Receptor Ligands*”.

Nel 1998 il prof. Leonetti si è trasferito per un anno presso l'Università di Berkeley (California, USA), nei laboratori del prof. Jonathan Ellman dove si è occupato di sintesi combinatoriale su fase solida di derivati benzodiazepinici per il trattamento di alcune sindromi autoimmuni in particolare il *Lupus Eritematoso Sistemico*.

Nel 1999 il prof. Leonetti ha conseguito una borsa di studio presso il Dipartimento di Chimica dell'Università di Berkeley (California) ed in qualità di Post-doc, ha continuato a lavorare per altri due anni presso i laboratori del prof. Ellman, occupandosi delle sintesi di librerie di molecole su fase solida.

Nel 2001 è stato nominato ricercatore presso la facoltà di Farmacia dell'Università degli Studi di Bari. La sua attività di ricerca è stata rivolta al disegno, sintesi e valutazione dell'attività biologica di composti attivi verso patologie neoplastiche (inibitori dell'aromatasi, delle proteine chinasi e delle MMPs) e sindromi neurodegenerative (inibitori AChE and MAO) e composti in grado di inibire la MDR (Multidrug resistance).

Dal 2001 svolge attività tutoria nei confronti di laureandi e dottorandi di ricerca ed è stato relatore e correlatore di numerose tesi.

Dall'a.a 2002-2003 ha tenuto diversi moduli di insegnamenti in corsi dedicati sia a studenti laureandi che ai dottorandi del Dottorato di Ricerca in Scienze Farmaceutiche.

Dall'anno accademico 2005-2006 il dott. Leonetti è docente incaricato (Professore aggregato) del corso di “Analisi dei Medicinali II” (“Analisi Chimico Farmaceutiche e Tossicologiche II”, dall'anno accademico 2011-2012) del corso di laurea specialistica in Farmacia.

A partire dall'anno accademico 2009/2010 il dott. Leonetti è anche docente incaricato (Professore aggregato) del corso di “Preparazione ed Analisi di Molecole Bioattive” presso la Facoltà di Scienze Biotecnologiche.

Il prof. Leonetti è stato docente proponente e membro del comitato scientifico del master di secondo livello: “I Regolamenti Reach e CLP: valore alla sostenibilità dei processi produttivi ed alla tutela della salute”.

Il prof. Leonetti è stato coordinatore e docente proponente del master di secondo livello: “Contraffazione dei prodotti farmaceutici, sanitari e diritto alla salute”.

Nel corso del 2011 il prof. Leonetti è stato nominato membro della commissione per la revisione dello statuto dell'Università degli Studi di Bari, “Aldo Moro” così come previsto dalla legge 240/2010.

Dal 31/01/2012 al 04/08/2015 il prof. Leonetti è stato nominato componente del consiglio di amministrazione dell'Università degli Studi di Bari, carica che ha ricoperto anche dal 14/03/2016 al 02/09/2016 e dal 17/03/2017 al 31/10/2018.

Il 17/02/2017 il prof. Leonetti è stato nominato professore associato presso il dipartimento di Farmacia-Scienze del Farmaco.

Il 01/11/2018 il prof. Leonetti è stato nominato direttore del dipartimento di Farmacia-Scienze del Farmaco. Nello stesso anno il prof. Leonetti è stato nominato componente del senato accademico dell'Università degli Studi di Bari.

Il prof. Leonetti è (co)autore di 77 pubblicazioni e ha partecipato a diversi progetti di ricerca nazionali ed internazionali ammessi al finanziamento sulla base di bandi competitivi.

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