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Prof. Donato Traversa graduated with a DVM in 1999 and obtained a PhD in Veterinary Parasitology and Animal Parasitic Diseases in 2002 from the University of Bari, Italy. In 2004, he received the European Young Scientist Award from the European Federation of Parasitologists, and in 2006 he was awarded the Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Parasitology (DipEVPC, EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Parasitology), for which he served as a member of the Education Committee from 2014 to 2020.

He is currently Full Professor of Veterinary Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases of Animals at the Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Teramo, Italy, and Deputy Rector for International Affairs at the University of Teramo (since 2024).

In the past twenty-five years he has supervised numerous undergraduate students as course leader in Animal Parasitic Diseases, as well as dozens of intramural and extramural postdoctoral and PhD students and research fellows. From 2013 at the same institution, he was in charge of international relations and quality assurance (QA) of the DVM programme until 2016 and 2019, respectively. From 2019 to 2022, he served as Director of the DVM programme, and from 2016 to 2018 he was a member of the Financial Board of the University of Teramo.

The main focus of his research is on extra-intestinal and intestinal nematodes of companion animals, as well as water-borne and vector-borne zoonotic pathogens, with particular emphasis on epidemiology, diagnosis, clinical aspects, drug resistance, and the efficacy of parasiticides.

Prof. Traversa has been the scientific coordinator of several international and national research projects. He is a member of the Editorial Board of several leading journals in the fields of Veterinary Medicine and Parasitology (including *Veterinary Parasitology*, *Parasites & Vectors*, and *Animals*) and has served as Associate Editor for the Parasitology section of the open-access journal *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*. He has also acted as a peer reviewer for approximately 50 international scientific journals in medical sciences, veterinary parasitology, and molecular biology. He has supervised or delivered lectures and presentations in veterinary parasitology at approximately 200 national and international meetings.

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