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Dr Cruccu obtained his degree in medicine and surgery at the University of Genoa, Italy, in July 1975 and specialised in Neurology at the Sapienza University of Rome in July 1979.

He currently holds the following positions at the Sapienza University of Rome:

- Head of the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry
- Full Professor of Neurology at the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry
- Chairman of the Neurology teaching course for the degree in Medicine
- President of the School for the degree in Occupational Therapy
- Chief of the Clinical Neurophysiology Division and associated Neuropathic Pain Centre

Dr Cruccu's special research interests include the neurophysiology of pain and the human trigeminal system. As an 18 year old student he entered the neurophysiology laboratory to work on the rabbit limbic system at the Institute of Physiology at Genoa University. After graduation he attended the neurophysiology laboratory working on the cat peripheral nerve and spinal cord at the Neurological Institute of La Sapienza University in Rome. Winner of a NATO senior fellowship in 1984-85 he attended the Pain Relief Foundation in Liverpool, undertaking intraoperative intracranial recordings in patients with trigeminal neuralgia. In recent years he has predominantly dedicated to nociceptive reflexes and cortical evoked potentials after laser stimuli in patients with trigeminal neuralgia, postherpetic neuralgia, and diabetic neuropathy. His latest efforts focused on gathering European scientists to produce European guidelines on neuropathic pain.

Dr Cruccu has written several book chapters and more than 250 articles in ISI-ranked international journals, which have received over 8000 citations for an *h* index of 46 (Scopus, 2014).

Scientific Societies:

- European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS): *former Secretary General and current member of the Panel on Neuropathic Pain*
- Brain Stem Society (BSS): *former President*
- Italian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (SINC): *past President*

In his private life Dr Cruccu has several passions. Classical music: Gioacchino Rossini. Modern music: Mark Knopfler. Classical literature: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Modern literature: Jack Vance. Football team: Inter Milan. Breakfast: Peppered scrambled eggs. Other meals: Italian pasta (any kind).