

### **Education and Positions**

- since 2013      Leader of the Behavioral Biology Unit at the Center for Molecular Neurobiology Hamburg, UMC Hamburg-Eppendorf
- 2008-2013      Co-investigator at the DFG-Heisenberg Team Experimental Neuropediatric (ENP), UMC Hamburg-Eppendorf (Prof. Dirk Isbrandt)
- 2000-2008      Group leader at the Institute for Biosynthesis of Neural Structures at the Center for Molecular Neurobiology Hamburg, UMC Hamburg-Eppendorf (Prof. Melitta Schachner)
- 1999      Visiting scientist, German Primate Center (DPZ) Göttingen (Prof. Eberhard Fuchs)
- 1997-1999  
1995-1996      Doctoral thesis in "Animal biology (Ethology)" at the Universities of Florence, Pisa and Parma (Prof. Stefano Parmigiani and Prof. Paola Palanza)
- 1995      Diploma in Biology, University of Parma, Italy (Prof. Stefano Parmigiani)
- 1994-1995      Biology studies and undergraduate thesis, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA (Prof. Frederick vom Saal)
- 1989-1994      Biology studies, University of Parma, Italy

### **Awards and Honors**

- 1995 - 1999      Graduate fellowship of the Italian Research Ministry
- 1999      Abroad fellowship of the Italian Research Ministry
- 1994-1995      Undergraduate fellowship of the State University of Missouri, Columbia, USA