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Giulio Cossu is currently Constance Thornley Professor of Regenerative Medicine at the University of Manchester, Head of Unit at the Institute of Experimental Neurology, San Raffaele Hospital Milan, and visiting Professor at the Max Delbrück-Charité Centre in Berlin. He received his MD degree from the University of Rome in 1977. He trained as a Fogarty fellow at the University of Pennsylvania (1980-83); he became Associate (1986) and then Full Professor (1992) of Histology and Medical Embryology at the University of Rome. In 1993-94 he spent a sabbatical at the Institute Pasteur. In 2000 he was appointed Director of the “Stem Cell Research Institute” of the Hospital San Raffaele in Milan. In 2005 he became Professor of Histology at the University of Milan. In 2008, he was appointed Director of the San Raffaele Division of Regenerative Medicine. In 2013 he became Professor of Human Stem Cell Biology at UCL and in 2013 he moved to his actual position in Manchester.

GC is Member of EMBO, the European Academy of Science, Fellow the Medical Academy of Science, the Accademia dei Lincei and Italian member at Intar-Academies-Partnership (IAP). He was President of the Italian Society of Cell and Developmental Biology and Member of the Directory Board of the ISSCR. GC is Senior Editor of EMBO Molecular Medicine. He was Chair of Panel LS7 of the ERC and Italian member of the Committee for Advanced therapies at EMA.

GC is internationally recognized for his pioneering work on skeletal myogenesis and for having developed the first cell therapy protocol with stem cells for muscular dystrophy.

GC raised more than 10 M€ in the last decade, including 12 EC networks, 3 as Coordinator, 2 ERC Advanced Investigator Grant (2008 and 2019). He was also awarded grants from Wellcome Trust, MRC, BHF, AFM, DPP, MDA, CureDuchenne

GC trained more than 40 undergraduate, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows: many are now Professors or Researchers in various European Universities (e.g. UCL Leuven, Trinity College in Dublin, Pavia, Rome, Milan and UCL).

GC published 250 peer-reviewed articles (H index: 72): many of which in high profile journals such as Cell, Developmental Cell, Cell Stem Cell, Cell Reports, Neuron, Science, Science Translational Medicine, Nature, Nature Medicine, Nature Cell Biology, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Communication, EMBO J., EMBO Mol. Med, Development, J. Cell Biology, Genes & Development, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA, J. Clinical Investigation, J. Experimental Medicine, e-Life.