Antonio Pisani

Personal Statement (MAX 600 chars.)

Briefly indicate the overall goals of the project and responsabilities of the key person identified on the Biographical Sketch

Dr. Pisani is a physician-scientist with a long standing interest in the basic and clinical aspects of basal ganglia dysfunction, with a specific interest in dystonia and Parkinson's disease. His lab provided the first detailed characterization of striatal long-term synaptic plasticity and started to unravel the reciprocal interactions between projection neurons and interneurons. More recently, he contributed to characterize the alterations of striatal synaptic plasticity in different mouse models of monogenic parkinsonisms, such as DJ-1, PINK1, LRRK2, Parkin. Primary aim in this context is to extend such observations to the rodent model described in this proposal, which might more closely resemble the human condition.
His long-term commitment to this field of research is witnessed by the number of peer-review publications in the recent past (2005-2011). As Head of the Neurophysiology and Plasticity laboratory at Fondazione Santa Lucia, in Rome, he will provide guidance in the planning and execution of the experiments.

Positions (max 15 rows)

Istitution	Division	Location	Position	From Year	To Year

1996 – 2006: Assistant Professor of Neurology, Dept. Neuroscience, University Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy

2007- Present: Associate Professor of Neurology; Head of Neurophysiology laboratory at Dept. Neuroscience, University "Tor Vergata" and at Fondazione Santa Lucia, European Brain Research Institute, Rome, Italy

2009-present: Medical and Scientific Advisory Council, Dystonia Medical Research Foundation

2009-present: Scientific Advisory Board, Bachmann Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson's Foundation

Awards and Honors (max 600 chars)

1990: Glaxo Prize for Neuropharmacology

1995: Prize "Azione Parkinson" for best original basic science work on Parkinson's disease

2006: Member PhD committee, University of Bordeaux, France

2007-present: Member of AERES committee (Inserm Experts, Dept. de l'Evaluation Scientifique), France

2011: Member PhD committee, University of Manchester, UK

2011- present: Management Committee Member, COST BM1101 European Project on dystonia syndromes.

2012. "Stanley Fahn Award", Dystonia Medical Research Foundation.

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