

## CURRICULUM VITAE, LUCA MARIA GAMBARDELLA, 2024



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### Professional Appointments:

2025 - now CEO & Co-Founder, Artificialy SA, Lugano  
2020 - 2025 Vice-Rector for Innovation and Corporate Relations, USI, Lugano  
2023 - 2025 Vice-President Academic Senate, USI, Lugano  
2020 - 2025 Co-Founder & CTO Head of Applied AI, Artificialy SA, Lugano  
2016 - now Co-Director, Artificial Intelligence Master, Facoltà di scienze informatiche, USI, Lugano  
2012 - 2020 Director, IDSIA, Dalle Molle Institute for Artificial Intelligence, USI-SUPSI, Manno  
2012 - 2020 Director, SUPSI Master MSE Research Unit in Intelligent Systems, Manno  
2007 - 2011 Director, Intelligent System Master, USI, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano  
2001 - 2020 Chief Scientific Officer of AntOptima sa, a spin-off of IDSIA, Lugano  
1995 - 2012 co-Director, IDSIA, Lugano-Manno  
1988 - 1995 Research Director, IDSIA, Lugano

### Academic Appointments:

2020 - now Full Professor Artificial Intelligence, Facoltà di scienze informatiche, USI, Lugano  
2006 - 2020 Adjunct Professor, Facoltà di scienze informatiche, USI, Lugano  
2003 - 2020 Professor SUPSI, Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana, Manno  
1992 Visiting Senior Scientist, the International Computer Science Institute, Berkeley, CA, USA

### Professional Preparation:

2015 PhD in Engineering Sciences and Technology, ULB, École Polytechnique de Bruxelles, BE  
1985 Master in Computer Science, Faculty of Informatics, University of Pisa, Italy

### Lectures (semester courses):

2018 - now Artificial Intelligence, Master of Artificial Intelligence, Facoltà di scienze informatiche, USI, Lugano  
2006 - now Artificial Intelligence, Bachelor in informatics, Facoltà di scienze informatiche, USI, Lugano  
1998 - 2020 Advanced Algorithms, SUPSI Department of Technology and Innovation, Manno  
2007 - 2020 Advanced Algorithms, PAP class, SUPSI Department of Technology and Innovation, Manno  
2008 - 2010 Heuristics, Intelligent Systems Master, Facoltà di scienze informatiche, USI, Lugano  
2006 Applications of Discrete Optimization, Master and PHD course, Milan Polytechnic

### Summary of Service and Other Professional Appointments:

2015 President, the EURO Excellence in Practice Award EEPA 2015  
2012 - 2015 President and Jury member, the EURO Excellence in Practice Award EEPA 2012-2013  
2011 - 2017 President, the Swiss Operations Research Society (SVOR/ASRO)

**Research Interests:**

- Artificial Intelligence with focus on meta-heuristics, swarm intelligence and machine learning
- Robotics with focus on robotic swarms, mobile robots, drones and educational robotics

**Governing Activities:**

- ERC Consolidator Grant panel member 2023 and 2025
- Swiss BRIDGE Discovery Evaluation Panel 2016-2024
- EU Commission Expert for “Future Trends in Artificial Cognitive Systems”.
- Swiss National Science Foundation evaluator.
- The Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS, Bruxelles
- Research Grants Evaluators, Hong Kong, Torino, Ireland; Inria, Expert for Inria evaluation, France

**Summary of Academic Leadership Activities:**

- He has been awarded more than 16.0 million CHF in research funding for his research lab, (including other labs and partners the total amounts to more than 61 million CHF)
- He has been awarded 29 Swiss National Science Foundation projects (22 as principal investigator), 7 European Projects, 15 CTI/Innosuisse Projects (13 as principal investigator), 1 Hasler Foundation Project, 10 Industrial projects (6 as principal investigator)
- Supervisor of 17 PhD theses (six in progress)

**Summary Of Scholarly Publications:**

- He has proposed and published several state of the art bio-inspired distributed optimization algorithms for the travelling salesman problem, the vehicle routing problem with time windows, the quadratic assignment problem, the sequential ordering problems, and the flexible job shop
- He has published more than 330 papers. The total number of citations to his papers is more than 56'000 (source: Google scholar). His h-number is 79

**Patents:**

- Patent n.: 13181909.6 Method for recharging an accumulator of an electric vehicle.
- Patent. Sistema di guida di un drone. Patent PCT/IB2016/050192
- European Paten Nr. 16 200 826.2 EP3326749 "Surface Interpreter"

**Artistic Production:**

- “the sense gallery” - an immersive digital space @ FoxTown in Mendrisio - in collaboration with Tarchini Group and Compagnia Finzi Pasca, 2024
- "NeuralRope#1. Inside an Artificial Brain", with Alex Dorici. Pedestrian Tunnel Lugano-Besso. An interactive permanent installation of 100m reproducing an Artificial Neural Networks, 2019
- “Illusa fingo sogni fasulli”, 2020, Bellinzona. A black monolith where, through dreams and a digital dance accompanied by a female voice, the boundary between human and AI is investigated.
- Published novels: “Sei vite” (Zerounoundici Ed., 2013),  
“Il suono dell’alba” (La Feluca Ed. 2019),  
“Segni particolari: tatuaggio con una stella a 5 punte sul polso sinistro”, Thriller, Gilgamesh Edizioni, 2024