

**Lucia Monaco**

***President of AriSLA Foundation***



Lucia Monaco worked for more than 20 years at the [Telethon Foundation](#), where she held the roles of **scientific director and head of the study center**.

She has been a **board member** of [AriSLA](#) since its founding.

She **chaired** the assembly of the International Rare Disease Research Consortium ([IRDIRC](#)).

She **coordinated** the European network of rare disease biobanks [EuroBioBank](#).

She has **participated** in numerous international research programs and working groups on rare diseases, including: the Policy Board of the European Joint Program on Rare Diseases ([EJP RD](#)), [the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group on Societal Challenges - Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing](#), and [the European Expert Group on Orphan Drug Incentives](#).

She previously worked as a **researcher** at the San Raffaele Scientific Institute in Milan and before that at the Molecular Biology Laboratory of Farmitalia Carlo Erba in Milan. She **graduated in chemistry** from the University of Pavia and received her training in biochemistry at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, USA and in molecular biology at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany.