
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Paola Posocco	POSITION TITLE Associate Professor		
Date of birth 31/07/1978			
EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEARS	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Trieste, Italy	PhD	2007-2010	Nanotechnology and Molecular modeling
University of Trieste, Italy	Major Degree with Honor	1997-2005	Chemical Engineering

EMPLOYMENT

2017-present	Associate Professor (ING-IND 24), University of Trieste (UNITS), Italy
2014-2017	Assistant Professor (ING-IND 24), UNITS, Italy
2010-2014	Post-doc (ING-IND 24), Molecular Simulation Engineering Laboratory (MOSE), UNITS, Italy
2007-2009	PhD student, MOSE, UNITS, Italy
2008-2009	Associated scientist, SUPSI, Switzerland
2006-2007	Research collaborator, MOSE, UNITS, Italy
2005-2006	Research collaborator, Centro Ricerche Plast-Optica, Amaro (UD), Italy

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2015-	Assistant Professor - Chemical and Biochemical Reactors , University of Trieste, Italy
2011-2016	Lecturer - Molecular Simulation , University of Trieste, Italy

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2017-	Member of the Teaching Board of the School of Nanotechnology, UNITS, Italy
2017-	Referent for the Quality Assurance, Department of Engineering and Architecture, UNITS, Italy
2015-	Member of the Committee for Quality Assurance, Process and Materials Engineering Course, UNITS, Italy

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2016-	Royal Society of Chemistry
2014-	European Materials Modelling Council
2013-	Consorzio Interuniversitario per la Scienza e Tecnologia dei Materiali
2006-	Ordine degli ingegneri della Provincia di Trieste (sezione A)

CAREER BREAKS

2015	Maternity Leave , Oct 2014- Feb 2015
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AWARDS

- 2016 Cover for “Mastering dendrimer self-assembly for efficient siRNA, delivery: from conceptual design to *in vivo* efficient gene silencing”, Chen et al. *Small* 2016, 12, 3667
- 2015 Finalist at Start Cup FVG with “SmartNanoLab” start-up project
- 2014 TOYP (The Outstanding Young Person) Prize, "Research", Junior Chamber International Lom Trieste
- 2012 Finalist at Nanochallenge international competition with “EpiDyne” start-up project
- 2012 National Science Foundation-sponsored fellowship award to attend FOMMS
- 2012 Cover for “Rationalizing the F··S interaction discovered within a tetrafluorophenylazido-containing bolaphospholipid”, Xia et al. *Chem. Commun.* 2012, 36, 4261
- 2011 Finalist at Premio Nazionale Innovazione-Working Capital 2011 with a research project entitled “Design of multifunctional materials for thin films by multiscale molecular modeling”

BIBLIOMETRICS

- Publications: 77 original papers and 9 chapter books
- Times cited (Google Scholar): 1970
- H-index (Google Scholar): 26

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHED COLLABORATIONS

Ling Peng (CNRS Marseille, 15 publications), David K. Smith (University of York, 15 publications), Kostas Karatasos (University of Thessaloniki, 5 publications), Alfonso Quintás-Cardama (University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 3 publications), Johannes Fraije (Leiden Institute of Chemistry, 3 publications), Marcelo Calderon (Freie Universität Berlin, 4 publications), Martin Lísal (J. E. Purkinje University, 4 publications), Carlo V. Catapano (Institute of Oncology Research Bellinzona, 2 publications), Laurence Charles (Aix-Marseille Université, 2 publication), Julian Rodriguez-Lopez (Universidad de Castilla la Mancha, 1 publication), Francesco Stellacci (1 publication)

PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2017-2019 **POR-FESR**, Plastic Cover for Marine Engine
- 2015-2018 **SIR**, Structure and Function at the nanoparticle bioInterfAce
- 2015-2016 **FRA**, Combined Computational/Experimental Evidences for Multivalent Amphiphilic Nanoscale Carriers
- 2014-2016 **FP7**, Modelling of morphology Development of micro- and NAno Structures
- 2013-2013 **ISCRA**, A multiscale modeling approach for the rational design of self-assembling multivalent nanovectors for gene therapy
- 2013-2014 **ISCRA**, Dendrimer Illuminated using what’s offered by molecular simulation
- 2012-2016 **FP7**, Soft Materials Advanced Research Training Network
- 2012-2015 **P.O.N. RICERCA E COMPETITIVITA’**, PROcessi Ausiliari: le giunzioni aDesive e il rEpairing
- 2012-2015 **Industria 2015**, Rivestimenti multifunzionali nanostrutturati su materiali soft per migliorare la qualità dei prodotti del made in Italy
- 2010-2013 **Euronanomed ERA-NET**, Dendrimers as nanovectors for targeted RNA delivery in gene therapy
- 2010 - 2012 **PRIN**, Modellazione molecolare multiscala di sistemi nanostrutturati biodegradabili: previsione di strutture e proprietà
- 2010-2012 **FP7**, Multi-Scale Modelling of Nano-Structured Polymeric Materials: From Chemistry to Materials Performance
- 2010-2012 **POR-FESR**, Green boat design: nautica da diporto a basso impatto
- 2009-2011 **Swiss National Science Foundation**, Nanovectors for drug delivery in oncology: a combined modeling/experimental study

2009-2010	PRIN , Modellazione numerica della nascita e dello sviluppo di interfacce mediante il metodo delle discontinuita' forti intraelemento
2008-2012	COST Action , Dendrimers in Biomedical Applications
2008-2010	RINAVE , Metodologie innovative di ricollocazione di materie plastiche nanocomposite per la sostituzione dei compositi in fibre di vetro e matrice termoindurente
2007-2010	FP6 , Innovative sensor-based processing technology of nanostructured multifunctional hybrids and composites
2007-2009	FP6 , Design of "tailor to made" multifunctional organic materials by molecular modelling of structure property relationship, experimentation and processing
2004-2007	FP6 , Innovative molecular modelling approach to up-grade polymeric materials from post-industrial rejects

SUPERVISION of PhD STUDENTS and POST-DOCS

4 Post-Docs: Filomena Guida (2016-), Elena Pellizzoni (2017-), Maria Sologan (2016-), Domenico Marson (2015-); 1 PhD student in Nanotechnology: Silvia Boccardo (2015-)

SUPERVISION of STUDENTS

26 undergraduate and graduate students in Process and Materials Engineering

REVIEWER

Biomacromolecules, Langmuir, Macromolecules, Journal Of Nanoparticle Research, New Journal of Chemistry, Journal of Chemical Physics, Nanoscale

PUBLICATIONS, ORIGINAL AND PEER-REVIEWED

1. Vieira, V. M. P.; Liljeström, V.; **Posocco, P.**; Laurini, E.; Pricl, S.; Kostianen, M. A.; Smith, D. K., Emergence of highly-ordered hierarchical nanoscale aggregates on electrostatic binding of self-assembled multivalent (samul) cationic micelles with polyanionic heparin. *J. Mater. Chem. B* **2017**, *5*, 341-347.
2. Pengo, P.; Sologan, M.; Pasquato, L.; Guida, F.; Pacor, S.; Tossi, A.; Stellacci, F.; Marson, D.; Boccardo, S.; Pricl, S.; **Posocco, P.**, Gold nanoparticles with patterned surface monolayers for nanomedicine: Current perspectives" *Eur. Biophys. J.* **2017**, DOI:10.1007/s00249-017-1250-6.
3. Chiarappa, G.; Piccolo, A.; Colombo, I.; Hasa, D.; Voinovich, D.; Moneghini, M.; Grassi, G.; Farra, R.; Abrami, M.; **Posocco, P.**; Pricl, S.; Grassi, M., Exploring the shape influence on melting temperature, enthalpy, and solubility of organic drug nanocrystals by a thermodynamic model. *Cryst. Growth Des.* **2017**, *17* (8), 4072-4083.
4. Albanyan, B.; Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Pricl, S.; Smith, D. K., Self-assembled multivalent (samul) polyanion binding—impact of hydrophobic modifications in the micellar core on DNA and heparin binding at the peripheral cationic ligands. *Chem.–Eur. J.* **2017**, *23* (26), 6391-6397.
5. Rodrigo, A. C.; Bromfield, S. M.; Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Pricl, S.; Smith, D. K., Morphological control of self-assembled multivalent (samul) heparin binding in highly competitive media. *Chem. Commun.* **2017**, *53* (47), 6335-6338.
6. Hinman, S. S.; Ruiz, C. J.; Cao, Y.; Ma, M. C.; Tang, J.; Laurini, E.; Posocco, P.; Giorgio, S.; Pricl, S.; Peng, L.; Cheng, Q., Mix and match: Coassembly of amphiphilic dendrimers and phospholipids creates robust, modular, and controllable interfaces. *ACS Appl Mater Interfaces* **2017**, *9*, 1029–1035.

7. Sologan, M.; Marson, D.; Polizzi, S.; Pengo, P.; Boccardo, S.; Pricl, S.; **Posocco, P.**; Pasquato, L., Patchy and janus nanoparticles by self-organization of mixtures of fluorinated and hydrogenated alkanethiolates on the surface of a gold core. *ACS Nano* **2016**, *10*, 9316–9325.
8. **Posocco, P.**; Perazzo, A.; Preziosi, V.; Laurini, E.; Pricl, S.; Guido, S. Interfacial Tension of Oil/Water Emulsions with Mixed Non-Ionic Surfactants: Comparison between Experiments and Molecular Simulations. *RSC Advances* **2016**, *6*, 4723-4729.
9. **Posocco, P.**; Hassan, Y. M.; Barandiaran, I.; Kortaberria, G.; Pricl, S.; Fermeglia, M. Combined Mesoscale/Experimental Study of Selective Placement of Magnetic Nanoparticles in Diblock Copolymer Films Via Solvent Vapor Annealing. *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2016**, *120*, 7403-7411.
10. Posel, Z.; **Posocco, P.**; Lisal, M.; Fermeglia, M.; Pricl, S. Highly Grafted Polystyrene/Polyvinylpyridine Polymer Gold Nanoparticles in a Good Solvent: Effects of Chain Length and Composition. *Soft Matter* **2016**, *12*, 3600-3611.
11. Marizza, P., et al. Synthesis and Characterization of Uv Photocrosslinkable Hydrogels with Poly(N-Vinyl-2-Pyrrolidone): Determination of the Network Mesh Size Distribution. *International Journal of Polymeric Materials and Polymeric Biomaterials* **2016**, *65*, 516-525.
12. Laurini, E.; Marson, D.; **Posocco, P.**; Fermeglia, M.; Pricl, S. Structure and Binding Thermodynamics of Viologen-Phosphorous Dendrimers to Human Serum Albumin: A Combined Computational/Experimental Investigation. *Fluid Phase Equilibria* **2016**, *422*, 18-31.
13. Fechner, L. E.; Albanyan, B.; Vieira, V. M. P.; Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Pricl, S.; Smith, D. K. Electrostatic Binding of Polyanions Using Self-Assembled Multivalent (SAMUL) Ligand Displays - Structure-Activity Effects on DNA/Heparin Binding. *Chem. Sci.* **2016**, *7*, 4653-4659.
14. Chen, C., et al. Mastering Dendrimer Self-Assembly for Efficient Sirna Delivery: From Conceptual Design to in Vivo Efficient Gene Silencing. *Small* **2016**, *12*, 3667-3676.
15. Chan, C. W.; Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Pricl, S.; Smith, D. K. Chiral Recognition at Self-Assembled Multivalent (Samul) Nanoscale Interfaces - Enantioselectivity in Polyanion Binding. *Chem. Commun.* **2016**, *52*, 10540-10543.
16. Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Fermeglia, M.; Pricl, S., Modena Nanotools: An Integrated Multiscale Simulation Workflow to Predict Thermophysical Properties of Thermoplastic Polyurethanes. *J. Comput. Sci.* **2016**, *15*, 24-33.
17. Mehrabadi, F. S.; Hirsch, O.; Zeisig, R.; **Posocco, P.**; Laurini, E.; Pricl, S.; Haag, R.; Kemmner, W.; Calderon, M. Structure-Activity Relationship Study of Dendritic Polyglycerolamines for Efficient siRNA Transfection. *RSC Advances* **2015**, *5*, 78760-78770.
18. Chendo, C.; Moreira, G.; Tintaru, A.; **Posocco, P.**; Laurini, E.; Lefay, C.; Gigmès, D.; Viel, S.; Pricl, S.; Charles, L., Anomerization of Acrylated Glucose During Traveling Wave Ion Mobility Spectrometry. *J. Am. Soc. Mass. Spectrom.* **2015**, *26*, 1483-1493.
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20. Marson, D.; Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Fermeglia, M.; Pricl, S., Cationic carbosilane dendrimers and oligonucleotide binding: An energetic affair. *Nanoscale* **2015**, *7*, 3876-3887.
21. Liu, X.; Zhou, J.; Yu, T.; Chen, C.; Cheng, Q.; Sengupta, K.; Huang, Y.; Li, H.; Liu, C.; Wang, Y.; **Posocco, P.**; Wang, M.; Cui, Q.; Giorgio, S.; Fermeglia, M.; Qu, F.; Pricl, S.; Shi, Y.; Liang, Z.; Rocchi, P.; Rossi, J. J.; Peng, L., Adaptive Amphiphilic Dendrimer-Based Nanoassemblies as Robust and Versatile siRNA Delivery Systems. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 11822-11827.

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23. Wang, Y.; Liu, X.; Laurini, E.; **Posocco, P.**; Ziarelli, F.; Fermeglia, M.; Qu, F.; Pricl, S.; Zhang, C.-C.; Peng, L., Mimicking the 2-oxoglutaric acid signalling function using molecular probes: insights from structural and functional investigations. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2014**, *12* (26), 4723-4729.
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