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Riccardo Troncone is presently Associate Professor of Paediatrics at the University Federico II in Naples, Italy. His speciality is Paediatrics, but he has also been trained in mucosal immunology (1985-1987) at the University of Edinburgh under the direction of Professor Anne Ferguson. CD represents his main interest of research and most of his scientific production is focused in this area. He contributed among others to research areas as mucosal cytokines, tissue transglutaminase (tTG) antibodies and the relationship of CD with autoimmune diseases. In the 5th framework he has been co-ordinator of the subproject Pathogenesis within the EU-Cluster on Celiac Disease (Coeliac-EU/cluster N°QLRT-1999-00037). At his university he participates in a Centre of Excellence established by the Italian Government: “European Laboratory for the Investigation of Food Induced Diseases (ELFID)” whose main aim is to co-ordinate research on food intolerances at the European level.

He has recently led a Working Group on CD established by the Federation of Societies of Paediatric Gastroenterology (FISPGHAN). He is scientific advisor of the Associazione Italiana Celiachia and represents a link with patients associations.

As leader of WP4 and WP6 in the CDEUSSA project he will coordinate the preparation of documents resulting from the contributions and discussion at the workshops and will take care of the dissemination of the results at different levels: scientific community, industry, regulation bodies and patient associations. To this regard he represents the link with the leading Association of European Coeliac patients Societies (AOECS).