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	Master of Science in Neurobiology <i>University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.</i> Concentration in neurophysiology	2006
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- Publications:

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Poster/Abstracts

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- Castelli L, **Nigro MJ**, Magistretti J. (2006) Expression of resurgent sodium current in pyramidal neurons of rat perirhinal cortex: evidence for axonal localization of the underlying channels. Congress: The node and the network: the fundamental contribution of Camillo Golgi to modern neuroscience.

Research Experience:

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- July 2014-April 2017: Postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Bernardo Rudy, Department of Neuroscience, NYU, New York City, USA.
- February 2013-June 2014: Research Associate, Dr. Marco Martina. Department of Physiology, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA.
- February 2010-December 2012: Postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Johan Storm, Department of Physiology, University of Oslo, Norway.
- December 2009-January 2010: Research assistant, Dr. Johan Storm, Department of Physiology, University of Oslo, Norway.
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- Winter 2004-Spring 2006: Master student, Prof. Jacopo Magistretti, Department of Physiology, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.
- Winter 2003-Summer 2004: Undergraduate student, Dr. Rosanna Nano, Department of Comparative Anatomy, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.

Teaching experience:

- November 2020: “Course of Methods in neurophysiology” for the Master in Neuroscience, NTNU, Norway
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Editorial activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Associate Editor for Frontiers in Neural Circuits: Research Topic “Biogeography of the cortex: cell-type diversity across cortical regions and its functional implications”
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Organization of scientific meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021- JANUBET Symposium for Young Researchers in the exchange program Norway-Japan • 2017 “Career Day” for the Neurobiology Master, University of Pavia, Italy, co-organizer
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