

Biography

Massimo Turina is a Senior Scientist at the Institute for Sustainable Plant Protection (IPSP-CNR), Torino, Italy, a position he has held since 2020. He also leads the IPSP-CNR Research Unit located at the Department of Molecular Medicine and Translational Research, University of Brescia, and serves as Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Jordan (since 2024). He obtained his PhD in Plant Virology from the University of Bologna (1998) and conducted postdoctoral research at Texas A&M University and UC-Davis (USA), before joining IPSP-CNR in 2002.

His research focuses on the molecular and biological characterization of plant viruses and mycoviruses, their epidemiology, and interactions with plant and fungal hosts, with growing interest in viroids and viroid-like RNAs in fungi and oomycetes.

He has been actively involved in the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) for over a decade, serving as a chair or member of multiple Study Groups (SGs): the *Ourmiaviridae* SG (chair 2011–2017), *Hypoviridae* SG (chair 2021-present), the *Ambiviricota* SG (chair 2024-present), *Wolframvirales* SG (2025-present), *Orpoviricetes* SG (2025-present), *Tospoviridae* SG (2018-present), *Myomonaviridae* (2021-present), and *Bunyavirales/Bunyaviricetes* (2021-present).

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