

## **PROFESSOR DR. MARIA ANTONIETTA STAZI**

**Professor Dr. Maria Antonietta Stazi** is a genetic epidemiologist at the Istituto Superiore di Sanita (National Center for Epidemiology, Surveillance and Health Promotion) in Rome as well as the founder and leader of the Register of Nazionale Gemelli (Italian Twin Registry). Over the past 10 years, her research has focused mainly on genetic epidemiology of cardiovascular diseases, psychological and psychiatric features. She has been a leading researcher in various international and national research projects, most of them focusing on the role of genetic and environmental factors on the public health. She is a member of the International Network of Twin Registries (INTR). As a first or co-author, she has published 156 papers in scientific journals, her H-Index is 38, she has 5395 citations. She is married and mother of two children.

Professor Stazi has contributed to the design, organization, statistical analysis and publication of twin research projects in collaboration with the Department of Radiology Semmelweis University and the Hungarian Twin Registry together with her colleagues in the past ten years. During the collaborative international twin studies back in 2009/2010 and 2014 led by Dr. Adam and David Tarnoki, hundreds of Italian twin pairs were involved from their own resources. Researchers from multiple institutes of Semmelweis University participated in these studies. Professor Stazi helped to organize the twin studies in the Italian research centers (Roman La Sapienza University, Padua University, University of Perugia and Terni) which researches focused mainly on radiological phenotypes. She assisted with her colleagues not only in international co-operations (Italian-Hungarian-American), but also in other statistical analyses of studies conducted during the twin studies in Semmelweis University.

Up to now, 24 joint international publications and 66 national and international lectures have been published for one decade of collaborative work. Thanks to her work, more than 15 students of the Students' Scientific Association (TDK) from the Department of Radiology, Semmelweis University have prepared a TDK lecture or wrote a thesis with the supervision of Dr. Ádám Tárnoki and Dávid. Moreover, they supported the work of PhD students of the Department of Radiology with statistical analyses. Taking into account Professor Stazi's decades of enthusiastic work, helping with the launch of the twin studies in Semmelweis University and her commitment to collaborative research between the two institutes, she was awarded Doctor Honoris Causa award by the Senate of Semmelweis University.