

# Gabriele Centi

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### PERSONAL INFO

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### ACTUAL POSITION

Full Professor in Industrial Chemistry (CHIM / 04) at the University of Messina

### DEGREE

Degree in Industrial Chemistry (obtained in 1979 at the University of Bologna)

### SHORT SUMMARY

Gabriele Centi is a Full Professor of Industrial Chemistry at the University of Messina, Italy, and President of the European Research Institute of Catalysis (ERIC). The research interests encompass the fields of applied heterogeneous catalysis, sustainable energy and chemical processes, hydrogen production and use, biomass conversion, and environmental protection. Recent activities focus on the development of catalytic technologies for solar fuels, carbon circularity, and the electrification of chemical production.

He was the coordinator of the EU Network of Excellence IDECAT and is the past President of IACS (International Association of Catalysis Societies). Previously, he served as the President of EFCATS (European Federation of Catalysis Societies). He has served as the coordinator or PI in over 30 EU projects. He recently initiated and coordinated an ERC Synergy project on plasma catalysis. He is also a member of the board of SUNERGY, the European initiative on solar fuels, and SUNER-C, the EU coordination and support actions to prepare a partnership on substituting fossil fuels.

He has received numerous awards, including i) the International Fellowship Initiative of the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, PIFI, as a Distinguished Scientist, ii) the Humboldt Research Award, iii) the Chini Memorial Lecture and the Gold Medal S. Cannizzaro of the Italian Chemical Society and recently iv) the EFCATS & APCATS Michel Che Award. He is involved in various publishing activities. He chaired the editorial board of *ChemSusChem* until 2019 and is co-editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Energy Chemistry*, which has been elevated to a high-IF journal, and the *Studies in Surface Science and Catalysis* series of books, one of the oldest and best-known in catalysis. He has been chairperson of numerous international conferences, including Europacat 2017 in Florence and the 16th International Zeolite Conference, jointly with the 7th International Mesoporous Materials Symposium (Sorrento, Italy, 2010). He has been extensively plenary and keynote lectures worldwide.

He is the author of over 650 scientific publications (Iris Cineca) and 17 books (2 in prints), and he serves as the editor of more than 25 special issues of internationally recognised journals. The current h-index is 103, with >43,000 citations and >450 articles that have received more than 10 citations (Google Scholar, Aug 2025). In the 2024 ranking by Stanford University of the top 2% of worldwide scientists, he was among the top 5,000 researchers worldwide in all scientific areas and among the first in Sicily.

## EDUCATION AND CAREER

1979	Degree in Industrial Chemistry at the University of Bologna (prof. F. Trifirò)
1981	Fellowship, Experimental Fuel Station (Milan)
1983-1987	Researcher (Industrial Chemistry), Univ. Bologna
1987-1995	Associate Professor in Chemical Plants (ING-IND / 25), Univ. Of Bologna
1996-today	Full Professor (Industrial Chemistry), Univ. Messina
2008- today	President of the European Research Institute of Catalysis (ERIC aisbl, Brussels - Belgium)
2019- 2023	Delegate of the Rector of the Univ. Messina for the Green Deal
2020- today	PhD Coordinator (International, Industrial) ACCESS "Advanced Catalytic proCesses for using renewable Energy SourceS", Univ. Messina

## RESEARCH & QUALIFICATION

### CAREER AND ASSIGNMENTS

2025	EFCATS & APCATS Michel Che Award, for the groundbreaking work in CO <sub>2</sub> conversion, electrocatalysis, and solar fuels
2025	ERC PoC on solar H <sub>2</sub>
2024	World's Top 2% Scientists ranking (Stanford University). In the top 5.000 researchers' rankings to last year (2023) and in the first 10.000 for the career, the first among those of the University of Messina.
2023	<i>Italian Knowledge Leader</i> award for the international research activity and promotion of the international knowledge network.
2022	Among the 34 scientists invited by CEFIC (European federation of chemical industries) to celebrate the 50th Years of the Society on May 29, 2022.
2021	Recognition as a Distinguished Scientist by the International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) of the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences,
2021	Humboldt Research Award
2019-today	Member of the hydrogen working group of the MUR for the preparation of an Italian hydrogen research strategy (SIRI)
2018-today	Member of the Academy of Sciences Institute of Bologna, Section - Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Geology
2017-today	Honorary Professor of Tianjin University (TJU), China
2016-2024	President of IACS (International Association of Catalysis Societies) (from 2012 to 2016, vice president of IACS)
2015-today	Chemistry Europe Fellow
2008-today	President of the European Research Institute on Catalysis, coordinating the activities of 24 European institutions on catalysis.
2001-2005	President of the European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS)
2015-2019	Scientific Advisor of the EU Cluster of Catalysis
2018	Member of the writing team of SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) Evidence Review Report for the European Commission "Novel carbon capture and usage technologies: Research and climate issues"
2016	Coordination of preparing the "Science and Technology Roadmap on Catalysis for Europe. A Path to Create A Sustainable Future" ISBN 979-12-200-1453-3
2001-2009	co-Director of the European Laboratory of Surface Science and Catalysis (ELCASS) created in 2001 by CNRS and University of Strasbourg (France), MPG and Fritz-Haber Institute of Berlin (Germany) and University of Messina (Italy)).
2015-2017	Vice President of the European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS)
2016-2019	Vice-President of the Interuniversity Consortium INSTM (Science and Technology of Materials), Italy (since 2013, also a member of the INSTM Executive Board)
2009-2012	Director of Thematic Section 2 - Energy and Environment - of INSTM
2008-2016	Director of the INSTM CASPE center (Catalysis for Sustainable Production and Energy)
2006-2012	Scientific Director of the Italian Sustainable Chemistry Platform
2007-2010	Member of the Mirror Group of the European Technological Platform on Sustainable Chemistry (ETP SusChem)
2005-2012	Member of several international panels and boards: CSIC (Spain), ICSC (Krakow, Poland), U.S. DoE, ACENET ERA-NET, ERA-NET CAPITA, ANR (France), Academy of

	Finland, etc.
2013	Member of the GEV panel (Area 3 - Chemical Sciences) for VQR 2004-2010
2015	Member of the GEV panel (Area 3 - Chemical Sciences) for VQR 2011-2014
2004-2010	Member of the Council of the International Zeolite Association (IZA)
2001-2005	Member of the Council of the Catalysis Group of the Italian Chem. Society (SCI)
2016-2021	Member of the Board of the Division of Industrial Chemistry of SCI

#### EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

2015-today	Editor-in-chief <i>Journal of Energy Chemistry</i> (Elsevier)
2003-today	Editor in chief of the <i>Studies in Surface Science and Catalysis</i> series of books published by Elsevier Science (Amsterdam) (178 Vol. Published in the series)
2020-2023	ChemSusChem Board Member
2007-2019	Chairman of the editorial board of Wiley-VCH magazine <i>ChemSusChem</i> (Chemistry & Sustainability, Energy & Materials)
2011-2018	Editor of the series of books <i>Green Energy</i> published by De Gruyter (Berlin)
2012-2016	Member of the Advisory Board of Wiley <i>Energy Technology</i> journal,
2012-today	Member of the Advisory Editors Board of the Elsevier <i>Journal of CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization</i> and <i>Chinese Journal of Catalysis</i>
2016-today	Member of the editorial board of Wiley-VCH Batteries & Supercaps and Journal of the Chinese Chemical Society
2020-today	Member of the editorial board of the <i>Journal of Catalysis</i>
2009-2017	Member of the Scientific Committee of the journal Wiley <i>ChemCatChem</i>
2003-2018	Member of the Scientific Committee of the magazine " <i>La Chimica e l'Industria</i> "
1992-1996	Member of the Editorial Committee of the Applied Catalysis journal.
1996-2004	Member of the Editorial Committee of <i>Appl. Catal. B. Env.</i>

#### EU ACTIVITIES selection

2025	ERC PoC grant on solar H <sub>2</sub>
2020-today	Coordinator of the EU DECADE project "DistributEd Chemicals And fuels production from CO <sub>2</sub> in photoelectrocatalytic DEvices"
2019-today	ERC Synergy SCOPE Coordinator "Rapid Surface Modulation Plasma for Process Intensification and Energy Intensification in Small Molecule Conversion"
2020- today	Board Member of the SUNERGY Initiative on Solar Fuels and Chemicals for a Circular Economy, to prepare for an EU partnership
2022-2025	Board Member of the EU CSA SUNER-C "Community and eco-system for accelerating the development of solar fuels and chemicals"
2019-2020	Member of the board of EU-CSA ENERGY-X "Transformative chemistry for a Sustainable Energy Future" to prepare a flagship on fuels and chemical products made with renewable energy
2015-2019	Coordinator of the EU TERRA project "New adaptable catalytic reactor methodologies for Process Intensification"
2015- today	PI in various EU H2020 projects (BIZEOLCAT, OCEAN, PERFORM, RECODE) and EU FP7 projects (HELMETH, Eco <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> ) and H2020 projects (EPOCH, Greenswap, Eretech) on topics of catalysis, electrocatalysis and electrification of reactors
2013-2016	IAPP Project (Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways) BIOFUR "BIOpolymers and BIOfuels from FURan based building blocks"
2005-2010	Coordinator of the Network of Excellence IDECAT (Integrated Design of Catalytic Nanomaterials for Sustainable Production) - EU (5 years, € 9.5 M, April 2005)
2009-2014	Coordinator of the collaborative project EU NEXT-GTL (budget about 12.5 M €)
2012-2015	Coordinator of the CSA eCamm (European Structured Research Area for CAlytic and Magnetic nanoMaterials), contract 290455
2002-2005	Coordinator of the EU project NEOPS G5RD-CT2002-00678 New eco-efficient oxidation processes based on the synthesis of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> on catalytic membranes
2002-2005	Coordinator of the EU project NANOSTRAP G3RD-CT2002-00793 "Nanostructured Sulfur Traps for the protection of high-performance NO <sub>x</sub> storage / reduction catalysts"
1996-today	Scientific Responsible of Messina (Univ. Or UdR INSTM / ERIC) in various community projects on the development of sustainable industrial processes and technologies for energy and environmental protection: NATAMA, CONCORDE, SMART, SUPER, COCON, STORECAT, DENITROCAT, H <sub>2</sub> O-RECYCAT, NEMCA, ALKYL, WAVES (ERA-NET CAPITA)

## NATIONAL PROJECTS (selection)

2011-2018	PI of Univ. Messina in the projects PON01_01725 (Photovoltaic) and PON02_00355_3391233 (Energy) [MIUR]
2014-2015	Project responsible "Development of a membrane reactor heated by molten salts for the dehydrogenation of propane" (MEME) [MAE]
2014-2016	PI of UniME in the project "Innovative processes for the conversion of algal biomass", project "PRIN10 / 11, 2010H7PXL0_006 [MIUR]
2016-2018	UNIME responsible for the "Solar driven chemistry: new materials for photo- and electrocatalysis" project PRIN2015 / 2015K7FZLH_004 [MIUR]
2019-today	National coordinator of the PRIN2017 project "Multielectronic transfer for the conversion of small molecules: an enabling technology for the chemical use of renewable energies (MULTI-e)" project 20179337R7
2022-today	Coordinator of the project MECCA (MITE research on H <sub>2</sub> ) "Green H <sub>2</sub> from bioMethane cracking through an innovative technology based on non-thermal plasma and catalysis with nanoCarbones"
2022-today	PI of the project MIAMI (MISE, Research of system on green electricity) "Innovative Materials for Hybrid Storage Systems"
2024-today	PI in the AmMoniA as a ZERo-carbon fuel and H <sub>2</sub> carrier (AMAZE) project, CETPartnership Joint Call 2023 (CETP-2023-00120)

## COLLABORATIONS WITH COMPANIES

2000-today	Various bi- and multilateral cooperation between academia and industry, with industrial partners such as ENI, ERG, Bayer, BASF, ACTA, TOYOTA, etc.
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Updated publication list available on:  
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=FlqkRbYAAAAJ&hl=it>

## PUBLICATIONS

### Selection of five recent publications on collaboration with Asian researchers:

1. Generation of oxide surface patches promoting H-spillover in Ru/(TiO<sub>x</sub>)MnO catalysts enables CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO, H Kang, L Zhu, S Li, S Yu, Y Niu, B Zhang, W Chu, X Liu, S Perathoner, G Centi, Y Liu, *Nature Catalysis* **2023**, 1-11. (IF: 40,7)
2. Understanding the complexity in bridging thermal and electrocatalytic methanation of CO<sub>2</sub>, H Kang, J Ma, S Perathoner, W Chu, G Centi, Y Liu, *Chem Soc Rev* **2023**, 52, 3627-3662. (IF: 46,2)
3. Develop High-Performance Cu-Based RWGS Catalysts by Controlling Oxide–Oxide Interface, S Li, X Liu, J Ma, F Xu, Y Lyu, S Perathoner, G Centi, Y Liu, *ACS Catalysis* **2025**, 15, 3475-3486. (IF: 13,1)
4. High-dispersed CeO<sub>x</sub> species on mesopores silica to accelerate Ni-catalysed CO<sub>2</sub> methanation at low temperatures, J Ma, Q Jiang, S Li, W Chu, H Qian, S Perathoner, G Centi, Y Liu, *Chemical Engineering Journal* **2024**, 479, 147453. (IF: 13.4)
5. Oxygen vacancy-dependent chemical intermediates on Ru/MnO catalysts dictate the selectivity of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, H Kang, L Ma, S Li, X Chen, W Chu, R Zhang, S Perathoner, G Centi, Y Liu, *Applied Catalysis B: Environment and Energy* **2024**, 352, 124010. (IF: 20.3)

## QUALIFICATION

- In first place in Sicily among the top 2% of researchers, based on the Stanford University-Elsevier study (2022).
- *Top Italian Scientists*: first researcher of industrial chemistry and among the top 10 chemistry researchers operating in Italy (h-index)
- h-index 103 (Google Scholar, Aug 25) with 43159 citations and i10-index of 456.

## BIBLIOMETRIC DATA

Scival (Scopus): 2024: 9.1% and 68.2% in 1% and 10% top most viewed; Field-Weighted Views Impact 3.0; 6.7% and 26.7% in 1% and 10% most cited publications (2024); 2021-24 80.9% in top quartile (68 publications in total); 38 (55.9%) number of publications in the top 10% journals.

## 2025

- G. Centi, Heterogeneous catalysis for green chemistry, Scientific Symposium connected to the GCS4CE Winter School, 21 Feb. 2025, Padova - Italy, plenary
- G. Centi, ELECTROCATALYSIS, Prospects and role to enable an e-chemistry future, Clkuster meeting 2025, June 22-27, 2025, Prague (Czech Rep.), invited.
- G. Centi, Catalysis for circular energy transition, Scientific Symp. and School on Circular Economy For The Energy Transition, Padova, 30th June - 04th July 2025, plenary
- G. Centi, Solar-to-X technologies; Their essential role in a resilient and low-carbon future. IUPAC 2025 and 50th World Chemistry Congress, 14-19 July 2025, Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia, keynote
- G. Centi, Transformative catalysis for a resilient and low-carbon future, Europacat 2025, Trondheim (Norway) Aug. 30 - Sept 5, 2025, keynote

## 2024

- G. Centi, Expanding the catalysis concepts to address the challenge of solar fuels and electrification of the chemical production, DICP - Dalian (China), 16th Jan. 2024, plenary
- G. Centi, H<sub>2</sub>, solar fuels and PEC devices for a solar-based and circular-carbon economy, University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Hefei - China, 22th Jan. 2024, plenary
- G. Centi, An unorthodox viewpoint on the new frontiers to bridge heterogeneous to reactive (photo-, electro- and plasma) catalysis design, International Workshop Multiscale Computational Design of Heterogeneous Catalysts, 14-15 Feb. 2024, Napoli, plenary
- G. Centi, Why pass from Power-to-X to Solar-to-X for a disruptive approach revolutionising industrial production, Virtual meeting for industrial members of the Catalytic Advances Program (CAP), Catalysis Group TCGR (US), online, April 24th 2024 - online, invited
- G. Centi, The Chemical Industry Perspective, The future of the chemical and refining sectors: needs and opportunities for decarbonisation May 16th 2024, Confindustria Siracusa/The European House Ambrosetti, invited
- G. Centi, Addressing complexity in bridging heterogeneous and photo/electro catalysis. Why new concepts and approaches are required, Complexity at catalytically relevant interfaces (Irsee X Symposium), 6-9 June 2024, KlosterIrsee, Germany, invited
- G. Centi, Carbon-Based Catalysts for e-Chemistry Transition, CARBOCAT 10 – Florence, June 24-26, 2024, keynote
- G. Centi, Selective (Industrial) Oxidation. Quo Vadis?, ADHOC 2024, 30th June - 4th July 2024, Venice (Italy), keynote
- G. Centi, DECADE project: Synthesize the same product at both cathodic and anodic sides of photoelectrochemical cells, 4th CO2OLING The Earth Summer School (Innovative hybrid technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> conversion into added-value commercial products), 9-10th July 2024 (ONLINE), invited
- G. Centi, Solar fuels for carbon circularity and closing the cycle, Catalysis in a Changing Environment – Linking Fundamental Aspects to Engineering, 21-23 July 2024, TUM - Munich, Germany, invited
- G. Centi, Reinventing chemical industry for a sustainable future, Green Chemistry workshop, Mantova, De. 17th, 2024
- G. Centi, Roundtable on research and development of e-fuels, Workshop on Synthetic fuels (e-Fuels), Accademia Nazionale Dei Lincei - Rome (Italy), 3-4 Oct. 2024, invited

## 2023

- G. Centi, An intro to ERC Synergy SCOPE Project, Australian national workshop of plasma and catalysis researchers, April 26, 2023, Adelaide (Australia), invited /online
- G. Centi, Foster innovation in the production and distribution of green H<sub>2</sub>, 14th European Congress of Chemical Engineering and 7th European Congress of Applied Biotechnology, 17-21 Sept. 2023, Berlin (Germany), invited
- G. Centi, SUNER-C: foster activities between projects in the area of solar fuels, Brussels. 10th Oct. 2023, keynote
- G. Centi, From e-fuels to solar fuels to address the challenge of a carbon-neutral future, 4th EECAT (The 4th Int. Symp. on Catalytic Science and Techn. in Sustainable Energy and Environment), 15-18th Oct. 2023, Beijing, China, plenary
- G. Centi, DECADE project: CO<sub>2</sub> to acetyl acetate, Webinar SUN2CHEM “European strategies and perspectives for converting solar energy into fuels”, October 24th, 2023, keynote
- G. Centi, Green Hydrogen peroxide, Workshop “Catalysis: yesterday, today and tomorrow”, Venice, 8th Nov. 2023, invited
- G. Centi, The role of (photo)electrocatalytic devices for a solar-based and circular-carbon economy, IC-MES2023 ALGERIA, 12-14 November 2023, plenary

## 2022

- G. Centi, Outlook for CO<sub>2</sub>-Reduction and Future Scenarios on a European Level, Wilhelm e Else Heraeus 758 Seminar (From Wind and Solar Energy to Chemical Energy Storage: Understanding and Engineering Catalysis



under Dynamic Conditions), 10th-13rd Jan. 2022, online, plenary

- G. Centi, Chemistry and catalysis technologies for sustainable development and renewable energy, On-line School of SSCC (national Doctorate on Sustainability and Climate Changes), January 20 2022
- G. Centi, La CO<sub>2</sub> come risorsa, Convegno della Regione Lombardia "Il futuro ispirato alla natura: strategie, materiali, processi e orizzonte della transizione sostenibile", 18 Marzo 2022, Milano, plenary
- G. Centi, Distributed Chemicals And fuels production from CO<sub>2</sub> in photoelectrocatalytic Devices, CEN/TC 386 "Photocatalysis" plenary meeting 21-22 March 2022, online, keynote
- G. Centi, Electrodes synthesis and properties, eCCU3 March 30 2022, online, invited.
- G. Centi Solar to chemical energy storage: a crucial technology for islands, SOLAR2CHEM X SEAFUEL Symposium, March 30 - April 1 2022, Tenerife, Canary Island (Spain), plenary
- G. Centi, Opportunities for catalytic technologies in an evolving scenario, CASALE Co., Lugano, April 8 2022, invited.
- G. Centi, Expanding the concepts to address the challenge of solar fuels and electrification of the chemical production, Symp. on Materials for emerging energy technologies, IMDEA Energy Institute, May 19th-20th, 2022, plenary
- G. Centi, From thermal to reactive catalysis to move beyond fossil fuels, 19th Nordic Symposium on Catalysis, Espoo (Finland), 6-8th June 2022, plenary
- G. Centi, e-Refineries for solar conversion into chemicals: challenges and opportunities, SUNER-C Roadmap meeting Shaping the future: renewable fuels & chemicals from solar energy, Bruxelles, 14-15 June 2022, keynote
- G. Centi, Catalysis for the net zero emission challenge, 12th International Conference on Environmental Catalysis (ICEC2022), July 30-August 2, 2022, Osaka, Japan, keynote
- G. Centi, Expanding the concepts to address the challenge of solar fuels and electrification of the chemical production, Expanding the concepts to address the challenge of solar fuels and electrification of the chemical production, August 9 2022 (online), plenary
- G. Centi, Plasma-catalysis to address CO<sub>2</sub> utilisation challenge in energy-intensive industries, International Symposium on Plasma Catalysis For CO<sub>2</sub> Recycling, 13th-15th September 2022, Krakow, Poland, plenary
- G. Centi, Plasmonic catalysts at room temperature, 2nd Int Conf. on Unconventional Catal., Reactors and Appl. Sept. 21-23th, 2022 Leamington Spa, U.K., keynote.

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## 2021

- G. Centi, Close the carbon cycle through substitution of fossil fuels, STOA (European Parliament) workshop "Decarbonising European Industry: Hydrogen and Other Solutions", March 1, 2021, online, invited
- G. Centi, Opportunities and needs for catalysis to close the carbon cycle and go beyond the use of fossil fuels, RIPP, SINOPEC (Beijing, PR China) March 3, 2021, Online, plenary
- G. Centi, How a strong EU community accelerates electrocatalyst research, Electrocatalysis Summit, April 14, 2021, online, keynote
- G. Centi, Photoelectrocatalysis for the conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> avoiding water oxidation, SUNCOCHEM Webinar, April 28, 2021, online, keynote
- G. Centi, The vision of future sustainable energy & production: opportunities for innovation & business, MSc in Business Administration Univ. Rome "Tor Vergata", May 12, 2021, online, plenary
- G. Centi, Advanced Photoelectrocatalytic Devices for Coupling Bio- and Solar-Refinery, EU Green Week, 4th June 2021, online, keynote
- G. Centi, Bio-based feedstocks to chemical building blocks: design and technical feasibility, Organic electrochemistry: towards a sustainable chemical industry in 2030, June 10, 2021, online, keynote
- G. Centi, Ripensare la produzione chimica per affrontare la sfida dei cambiamenti climatici e della sostenibilità, AIDIC - giornata sulla transizione energetica e ambientale, 23 giugno 2021, keynote
- G. Centi, La filiera dell'idrogeno, Stati Generali Idrogeno, Catania 15 Luglio 2021
- G. Centi, Electrocatalysis: role and prospects to defossilize chemical and energy, plenary production, 1st Malaysia inter-conference on nanotechnology & catalysis MICNC2021 – September 1 2021, online
- G. Centi, Rethinking e-catalysis to address defossilization of chemical and energy production, Young Researchers CIS 202, September 8 2021, online, plenary
- G. Centi, Electrocatalysis: role and prospects to defossilize chemical and energy production, Fundacion Ramon Areces, October 5, 2021, online, plenary
- G. Centi, Electrocatalytic direct nitrogen fixation: perspectives and gaps, Solvay Workshop on "Plasma Technology and Other Green Methods for Nitrogen Fixation", (Brussels, November 15-17, 2021), keynote
- G. Centi, Electrocatalysis: role and prospects to defossilize chemical and energy production, XVth International Symposium on Environment, Catalysis and Process Eng. ECGP'15, 23 - 25 November 2021, online, plenary
- G. Centi, Rethinking e-catalysis to address defossilization of chemical and energy production, Casale-Symposium «Catalysis for the Industrial Renaissance and New Sustainable Processes» November 16, 2021 - online, plenary

- G. Centi, Moderator of Public Session: European Hydrogen Research and Innovation Priorities, Session 2 (Renewable Hydrogen Production, Distribution and Storage), November 30 2021 (Brussels, Belgium).

#### Awards and recognitions

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| 2009    | Soc. Chim. de France French-Italian. Award for outstanding works in industrial chemistry. and sustainable processes  |
| 2010    | UOP 2010 Lectureship   |
| 2010    | Finalist of the European Sustainable Chemistry Award 2010 (EuCheMS)  |
| 2013    | MPG 2013 Award "Frontiers in Chemical Energy Science" (Mühlheim an der Ruhr, Germany)  |
| 2014    | LEE HSUN Lecture Series 2014 Award, Inst. by Metal Res., Chinese Acad. Science, Shenyang (China)   |
| 2015    | Catalysis Forum Lectureship (State Key Lab. Of Catalysis, Dalian - China)  |
| 2015    | Kekule Lecture (Univ. Antwerpen)   |
| 2015    | Fellowship award of the European Chemical Societies - ChemPubSoc Europe (F CPSE)   |
| 2016    | Speaker at C5MPT Summit, Univ. Of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)   |
| 2016    | Chini Memorial Lecture (Italian Chemical Society)  |
| 2017    | Gold Medal S. Cannizzaro of the Italian Chemical Society.  |
| 2021    | Recipient of the International Fellowship Initiative of the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (PIFI) as Distinguished Scientist   |
| 2021    | Recipient of the Humboldt Research Award   |
| 2022    | Among the 34 worldwide scientists invited by CEFIC (Eur. Fed. Chem. Industries) to celebrate the 50th Years of the Society.  |
| 2023    | Italian Knowledge Leader award for science   |
| 2023-24 | World's Top 2% Scientists ranking (Stanford University). In the top 5.000 researchers' rankings to last year (2023) and in the first 10.000 for the career, the first among those of the University of Messina |
| 2025    | ERC PoC grant on solar H2  |
| 2025    | EFCATS & APCATS Michel Che Award, for the groundbreaking work in CO <sub>2</sub> conversion, electrocatalysis, and solar fuels   |

#### Visiting professor

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| 2001    | Università di Oulu (Finlandia)                                     |
| 2003    | Université Louis Pasteur, Strasburgo (Francia)                     |
| 2005    | EPFL (Losanna, Svizzera)   |
| 2016    | Univ. dell'Alberta (Edmonton, Canada), Relator to the Summit C5MPT |
| 2016    | Visiting professor (3 mesi) at Technische Univ. Munchen (Germany)  |
| 2015-17 | Academic Icon (Univ. Malesia, Kuala Lumpur, Malesia)               |
| 2021-22 | Visiting professor to CatLab Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin (Germany)    |

#### Chairperson in conferences and international workshops (selection)

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| 1995 | 1st World Conf. on Env. Catalysis (Pisa, May 1995),   |
| 1999 | 6th Eur. Workshop on Selective Oxidation (Rimini, Sept. 1999)   |
| 2000 | NATO Adv. Res. Workshop on "Catalysis by unique metal ion structures in solid matrices" (Prague, July 2000),  |
| 2001 | 3rd Eur. Workshop on Environmental Catalysis (Maiori, May 2001),  |
| 2006 | IDECAT-NRSC Conf. on Catalysis for Renewables (Rolduc, May 2006),   |
| 2007 | Symp. Catalysis for Pollution Control and ISO2007 at Europacat VIII (Turku, Aug. 2007),   |
| 2010 | IDECAT Conf. on Catalysis - Emerging challenges in catalysis (Porquerolles, May 2010),  |
| 2010 | Innovation in catalysis for sustainable production & energy (Messina, Sept. 2010),  |
| 2010 | Int. Zeolite and Mesoporous Materials conference (IZC16/IMMS7: Sorrento July 2010)  |
| 2011 | X European Workshop on Selective Oxidation (ISO 2011; Glasgow, Sept. 2011),   |
| 2011 | 5th IDECAT/ERIC-JCAT Conference on Catalysis (Bertinoro, Sept. 2011)  |
| 2014 | CIMTEC 2014 - Symposium Advances in Photocatalytic Materials for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, Montecatini 8-13, 2014  |
| 2015 | CRS-3 Catalysis for Renewable Sources: Fuel, Energy, Chemicals (Catania, 6-11 Sept. 2015)   |
| 2016 | CIMTEC 2016, Symposium "New Concepts and Advances in Photocatalytic Materials for Energy and Environmental Applications, Perugia (Italy), June 5-9, 2016                                    |
| 2017 | Europacat 2017 (Florence, Italy), August 27-31, 2017  |
| 2019 | CIS2019 Chemistry meets Industry and Society, Salerno (Italy), 28-30 August 2019  |
| 2020 | CIMTEC 2020, Symposium "New Concepts and Advances in Photocatalytic Materials for Energy and Environmental Applications, Perugia (Italy), June 15-19, 2020 (suspended due to Covid-19)      |
| 2022 | CIMTEC 2022, 9th Forum on New Materials, Symposium " Advanced Photocatalytic Materials for Energy and Chemistry in Transition and for the Environment", Perugia (Italy), June 27-29th, 2022 |

2025 13<sup>th</sup> ICEC International Conference on Environmental catalysis, Giardini Naxos/Taormina, 2-5 June 2025

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## Reviewing activities

### Selection

2015-today Editor-in-chief Journal of Energy Chemistry (Elsevier)

2003-today Editor in chief of the Studies in Surface Science and Catalysis series of books published by Elsevier Science (Amsterdam) (179 Vol. Published in the series)

2013-today Editor of 7 peer-reviewed books, and 8 species issues of journals

2007-2019 Chairman of the editorial board of Wiley-VCH magazine ChemSusChem (Chemistry & Sustainability, Energy & Materials)

2011-2018 Editor of the series of books Green Energy published by De Gruyter (Berlin)

2012-2016 Member of the Advisory Board of Wiley Energy Technology journal,

2012-today Member of the Advisory Editors Board or the Scientific Committee of various journals (Journal of CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization, Chinese Journal of Catalysis, Batteries & Supercaps, Journal of the Chinese Chemical Society, Journal of Catalysis, ChemCatChem, Applied Catalysis etc.)

## Books (last ten years)

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## RESEARCH ACTIVITY

**Main sector:** Heterogeneous catalysis and catalytic technologies, chemical processes with low environmental impact, development of nanomaterials for applications in the field of treatment and control of gaseous and liquid emissions, catalysis for sustainable processes and energy, development of electrocatalysts for fuel cells and electrochemical devices, nanostructured photocatalysts for water splitting, membranes for the separation of H<sub>2</sub>, chemical energy storage (NH<sub>3</sub>, formic acid), green H<sub>2</sub>

**Other fields:** cleanup technologies (gas and liquid emissions), environmental catalysis, industrial



catalytic processes, solid catalysts (mixed oxides and zeolites, in particular containing transition metals, mesoporous materials, nanostructured oxides and carbon), reduction of greenhouse gases, use of solar energy, fuel cells and electrocatalytic (photo) devices

**Systems based on nanotubes and nanostructures.** Based on metal nanoclusters deposited on organised 1D-type carbon or metal oxide nanostructures for applications ranging from electrodes in PEM and PEC devices to photoactive thin films, sensors, advanced microreactors and catalysts for new energy and chemical processes.

**Materials for solar fuels and renewable energy.** Synthesis, characterisation and testing for applications ranging from advanced coatings and photoactive materials to novel catalysts and devices in sustainable chemical and energy processes (biomass conversion, renewable H<sub>2</sub>, solar fuel from CO<sub>2</sub>).

Catalytic membranes. Based on thin films supported by Pd alloy for applications from environmental protection (reduction of nitrates in water) to chemical synthesis (direct H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> synthesis) and energy. The recent focus is on new processes based on highly energy-efficient membranes for producing H<sub>2</sub> by steam reforming CH<sub>4</sub> and syngas by partial catalytic oxidation.

Chemo-catalytic processes for lignocellulosic biorefineries. Development of new catalysts for the conversion of lignocellulosic biomass (in particular waste materials) into new platform molecules (furfural) and catalytic upgrading of the latter to biofuels (petrol and diesel) or chemical products.

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