

PAOLO PETIZIOL

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Born in Cervignano del Friuli (Ud), on 14.07.1946 – Italy.

EDUCATION

Degree in Economics and Commerce – specialising in the economic-legal field

PRINCIPAL FURTHER COURSES OF SPECIALISATION

From 1979 to 1987, he attended about a dozen courses of specialisation at the following Universities and Schools of Specialisation:

- Italian Banking Association
- Bocconi University Business Management School, Milan
- Higher Institute of Business Management, Milan
- “Luiss” University, Rome

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Expert in geopolitical processes of the Central and Eastern European and the Balkan Countries.

From June 2020 **Member of the EGTC Assembly** – European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Gorizia – Nova Gorica – Šempeter – Vrtojba.

From August 2019 **President of the Musical and Symphonic Institute of Friuli Venezia Giulia “fvgorchestra”**, instituted by the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia.

Since July 2012 to October 2019, **member of the Board of Administration of the University of Udine** with specific assignment in the international relations of the University.

From January 2010 to April 2012, **consultant for International Relations to the Presidency of Finest SpA** and then to **SPRINT - Regional Office for Internationalisation**.

From February 2009 to September 2011, **Diplomatic Advisor to the Presidency of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans**.

From January 2001 to February 2005: member of the Board of Directors and subsequently appointed **President of DT Lizing - a financial company established in Hungary** partially owned by a Holding of the Ministry of the Economy of the Republic of Hungary.

From March 1999 to December 2003, **President of FINEST S.p.A. – a financial company for promoting economic co-operation with Eastern European countries**, established by

Law 19/1991, whose corporate capital (approx. 140 million Euro) is held by the Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Veneto Regional Authorities, by the Autonomous Province of Trento and by the major Italian Banking Groups. In such office he was involved in government missions to these areas in co-operation with the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

From 1970 to 2000, executive at the Banca del Friuli S.p.A., which later became "**UniCredit Banca S.p.A.**". From 1994 to 2000, **Manager of the internal inspection-auditing service for the Udine management**, with responsibility for the north-eastern area of Italy. By virtue of this appointment, he acquired a good understanding and global view of the bank, a condition that can be boasted by only a privileged few. A particularly positive attitude to outside relations kept him in close and continual contact with the enterprising world in the area for which he was responsible.

From 1995 to 1997, member of the Board of Directors of the **Special Utility for the Port of Monfalcone**

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

In November 1996, he was appointed **Honorary Consul** by the Government of the **Czech Republic**, for the entire area of the North-East of Italy. Since then, he has been head of the **Consulate of the Czech Republic in Udine** (Via San Francesco n. 34), with territorial jurisdiction over the Regions of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Veneto and Trentino - Alto Adige. In this role he has played a lead role in significant and strategic institutional relationships (political, economic, financial and cultural) between Italy and the Czech Republic

In December 2013 he was elected **vice-dean of the Consular Corps of Trieste**.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

For two mandates, till the end of 2003, and again since October 2008, member appointed by and in representation of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia of the Board of Directors of "**Mittelfest**", a Cultural Festival promoted by the **Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia**, involving all countries of Central and Eastern Europe. This event is the most relevant international cultural event held in the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia.

From March 2000 to December 2003, member of a new organisation in the Italian system for Foreign Trade, called the "**Planning board**", which supports the **5th Permanent Commission of the CIPE – Interministerial Committee for the Economy – "Co-ordination Centre for Internationalisation"**.

From 1995 to 1997, **Councillor on Industry and Culture for the Provincial Authority of Gorizia** (a technical position).

From 1990 to 1993, **Councillor on Finance and Assets of the Municipality of Cervignano del Friuli** (civil list).

OTHERS

Registered since 1979 with the **Italian Professional Association of Journalists** – having worked previously, for about 3 years, as foreign correspondent for **APA – Austria Presse Agentur**.

Founder member of the **“Udine Patriarcato” Rotary Club** (1995) and its President in 2005/2006. In May 2012 he was appointed honorary member of Rotary Club Lignano Sabbiadoro and in 2013 that of Udine-Patriarcato. Since 2015 **National President of the Committee Italy/Czechia-Slovakia**.

Editor-in-chief of the magazine “Mitteleuropa”.

Founder and Chairman of the **“Mitteleuropa” Cultural Association**, an international society established in 1974, a position that has enabled him to develop and maintain top-level relations of considerable interest in the political, diplomatic, financial and economic spheres in Italy, Austria, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. In this role, he has frequently promoted and organised meetings of the utmost international standing, involving diplomats, governments and heads of state from Central European countries:

- 1991 - Cervignano del Friuli (Udine): Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Slovenia, Italy
- 1995 – Gorizia: Meeting of the Presidents of the Republics of Italy and Austria
- 2004 – Cervignano del Friuli, in the occasion of the 30th anniversary of foundation of the association, conference among eminent representatives of eastern and western Christian Churches.
- From 2005 – Yearly international forums on various topics of specific common interest (economics, geo-politics, finance, European cohesion, etc ...) with ministerial and diplomatic presences of fifteen countries of Central Europe and the Balkans.

HONORARY TITLES

In October 1991, the President of the **Republic of Austria** awards him the title of **Großes Ehrenzeichen** for his services to the Republic of Austria.

In May 1992, the **Government of Czechoslovakia** awards him the **Order of Komensky** for his services to the Czechoslovak Republic.

In June 1992, the President of the Regional **Government of Kärnten**, in Austria, awards him the **Großes Ehrenzeichen** for his services to their Land.

In November 1994, he is appointed as **honorary member of the Academy of Internal Medicine in Poland**.

In April 1997, the President of the **Republic of Hungary** awards him **the Merit Order of the Small Cross**.

In September 2004, Medal by the Ambassador of the **Slovak Republic** for his appreciated work in favour of the relations between Slovakia and Italy.

In February 2005, Medal by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the **Czech Republic** as an award for his contribution to the development of the relations between the Czech and Italian Republics.

In October 2005, the Government of the **city of Suqian**, important industrial center of the region of Jiangsu in the **Republic of China**, awards him as **Honorary Citizen**.

In April 2007, in the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the birth of H.I.&H.R. Blessed Charles of Austria, **Ddr. Otto von Habsburg** confers him the **Kaiser Karl Gedenkkreuzes**.

In November 2010, The Presidency of the **Parliament of the Czech** republic confers him a special **certificate of honor** for “outstanding personal contribution to the development of relations between cities, regions and state institutions in Itali and the Czech republic”.

In June 2011, by request of the Governor of the District of North-East of Italy, the President of **Rotary International** awards him the **Paul Harris Fellow** for “the significant contribution in promoting relations between the peoples of the whole world”.

In October 2011, the President of the **Regional Council of Transcarpathia (Ukraine)** grants him an **Diploma of Honor** for great contribution to development of cultural cooperation between Transcarpathia Region and Italy.

In June 2013, the **Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic** awards him the prize **Jan Masaryk Gratias Agit Award**. The award is given yearly to ten relevant personalities in the world, who have distinguished themselves in the promotion of the international image of the Czech Republic, of friendship and collaboration among nations.

With the decree of June 2, 2014 the **President of the Italian Republic** rewarded him with the honour of **Commendatore** of the Italian Republic.

In September 2014 the Board of the Association of the **Carpathian Euroregion** Poland assigns the award **“Carpathian Falcons”** for his special contribution to the development of cross-border cooperation of the framework in the Carpathian Euroregion (Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania).

In June 2016, the President of the **Republic of Hungary** awards him with the **Cross of Merit of the Hungarian Republic**

In September 2019 the **President of the Republic of Hungry, János Áder**, confers on him **the Hungarian citizenship**.

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