



Prof. Silvano Focardi

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Full Professor of Ecology

Silvano Focardi, BS in Biology. Full Professor of Ecology at the University of Siena. Teaching: Ecology course at the Faculty of Science; Ecology course at the Faculty of Economics.

Dean of the Faculty of Science. Member of the Academic Senate of University of Siena.

Italian Representative of the CCAMLR (Commission for Conservation of Antarctic Living Resources) Working Group on the Ecosystem Monitoring Program. Coordinator of the PNRA (Italian Antarctic National Programme) Research Group on Ecophysiology and Ecotoxicology.

On March, the 30th, he has been elected Rector of the University of Siena, by Decree of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research.

The main areas of research have recently concerned:

- 1) ecophysiology and ecotoxicology. Development of bioindicators and biomarkers for biomonitoring.
- 2) Contamination in the Mediterranean.
- 3) Contamination of remote areas (the Arctic, Antarctica, the Andes Mountains).
- 4) Adélie Penguin ecology at Edmonson Point (Victoriantland, Antarctica).
- 5) The effects of persistent contaminants on organisms.
- 6) The development of techniques for revealing the quality of brackish and marine environments.