

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Enrico Bonatti

Education:

- MSc in Geological Sciences at University of Pisa , 1959
- Science Diploma, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 1959
- Libera Docenza (Advanced Doctorate), University of Pisa, 1967

Appointments:

- Present (2012)* – Special Senior Scientist, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, and Associate, Institute of Marine Sciences, National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
- 2003 – 2009* Professor, of Geodynamics, University of Rome, La Sapienza
- 2003 – 2006:* Director, Institute of Marine Sciences, National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
- 1997 – 2002:* Director, Institute of Marine Geology, National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
- 1997 – 2002:* Professor of Marine Geology, University of Pisa
- 1996 – present:* Special Senior Scientist, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- 1987 – 1996:* Doherty Senior Scientist, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- 1975 – 1987:* Senior Research Scientist, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- 1971:* Visiting Scientist, Harvard University, Fall semester
- 1971 – 1975:* Professor of Marine Geology, University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- 1968 – 1971:* Associate Professor of Marine Geology, University of Miami, Institute of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- 1964 – 1968:* Assistant Professor of Marine Geology, University of Miami, Institute of Marine Sciences
- 1963 – 1964:* Assistant Research Geologist, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- 1960 – 1963:* Sverdrup Fellow in Oceanography, University of California, Scripps Institute of Oceanography
- 1959 – 1960:* Fulbright Fellow, Yale University (with Professor G.E. Hutchinson).

Awards:

- 1994, elected member of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- 1999, awarded the “H. Patterson Medal” in Oceanography by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- 2001, awarded the “Feltrinelli Prize” by the Italian Academy of Sciences (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei)
- 2003, elected “Fellow of the American Geophysical Union”
- 2009, elected member of the European Academy of Sciences

Scientific interests:

Structure, composition and temporal evolution of Mid Ocean Ridges. Thermal structure and composition of the oceanic mantle. Mantle’s Hot, Cold and Wet Spots. Ridge-plume interactions. Igneous and tectonic processes during the transition from continental to oceanic rifts. Distribution and origin of water and volatiles in the Earth.

Published about 200 papers, over 20 in Journals such as Nature and Science (see attached list). Published also many popular articles (Scientific American, etc) as well as on science politics.

Experience:

Led over 30 marine geology expeditions in the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Antarctic oceans, in the Red Sea and Mediterranean. Dived several times to the floor of Mid Ocean Ridges with the Alvin and Nautilie submersibles. Done field work in the Afar Rift (Ethiopia), Polar Ural (Russia) and Zambales (Philippines) ophiolites, Zabargad Island (Red Sea), Tunguska (Siberia), etc. Participated on two DSDP/ODP legs. Directed the Institute of Marine Sciences of the Italian National Research Council (CNR). Served in committees and panels, including the historical first Atlantic DSDP Panel chaired by M. Ewing. Thought courses and supervised graduate students at the Universities of Miami, Columbia, Pisa and Rome La Sapienza. Lected in Institutions around the world.

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