

Laudatio for Professor Letizia Perillo: A Visionary Leader in Orthodontics

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In the ever-evolving landscape of orthodontics, Professor Letizia Perillo stands out not only as a trailblazer but as a visionary leader, weaving a rich tapestry of achievements that transcend borders and redefine excellence. Despite her relatively young age, she has left her indelible mark on the realms of scientific exploration, experimental innovation, and clinical breakthroughs throughout her illustrious academic journey.

Dr. Perillo is not merely a practitioner but a luminary in the field, holding pivotal roles that reflect her dedication to advancing orthodontics. As the esteemed Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, Naples, Italy, and Full Professor in the Department of Orthodontics, her influence extends beyond the lecture halls. She spearheads the Orthodontic Division at the Multidisciplinary Department of Medical-Surgical and Dental Specialties, exemplifying her commitment to holistic dental care.

Her impact is felt globally as she serves as President of the Italian Orthodontic Society (SIDO) in 2021, Chairman of the NEBEOP (Network of Erasmus-Based European Orthodontic Postgraduate Programs), and President of the Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project (MOIP) in 2022. Professor Perillo's diplomatic role as the International Ambassador for the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) from 2018 to 2020 and Representative of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) from 2018 to 2019 showcases her ability to bridge gaps and foster collaboration on an international scale.

Beyond the titles and accolades, Professor Perillo is a prolific author and speaker, having contributed to over 400 scientific publications, authored 9 books, and delivered engaging presentations at numerous national and international courses and congresses. Her role as an Associate Editor for *Progress in Orthodontics* since 2017 and her membership on the editorial boards of esteemed journals underline her commitment to shaping the discourse in dentistry.

Her stellar contributions have not gone unnoticed, with multiple awards recognizing her groundbreaking research, including the prestigious WJB Houston Poster Award and the APOS Trends Award for the Best Reviewers. Professor Perillo's impact extends into the realm of education, where she imparts her extensive knowledge as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, USA.

But perhaps, what truly sets Professor Perillo apart is not just her academic prowess but her unwavering dedication to mentorship. As an outstanding member of the Italian Society of Orthodontics, she has served in various capacities, fostering growth and collaboration within the orthodontic community.

In her journey, Professor Letizia Perillo has not only exemplified excellence in orthodontics but has become a beacon of inspiration for the global dental fraternity. Her expertise in cephalometry, craniofacial development, and orthodontic appliance design, combined with her commitment to early treatment, non-extraction treatment, and orthopedic interventions, flag her as a multifaceted luminary in the field.

Beyond the accolades, Professor Perillo remains a cherished friend of the Romanian Association for Excellence in Orthodontics (AREO), a testament to her enduring support for orthodontic associations worldwide.

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