

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION**

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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2002- Institute Professor  
1997-02 Eugene McDermott Professor in the Brain Sciences and Human Behavior, MIT  
1986-97 Chairman, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA  
1983-89 Director, Whitaker College of Health Sciences, Technology, and Management, MIT  
1980-83 Eugene McDermott Professor in the Brain Sciences and Human Behavior, MIT  
1972-80 Professor of Neurophysiology, Department of Psychology, MIT  
1969-72 Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, MIT  
1968-69 Senior Investigator, Istituto di Ricerche Cardiovascolari, University of Milan, Italy  
1967-68 Lecturer, Department of Psychology, MIT  
1966-67 Research Associate, Department of Psychology, MIT  
1964-66 Visiting Associate, Section of Physiology, Laboratory of Clinical Science,  
National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD  
1963-64 Research Associate, Neurophysiological Laboratory, Department of Zoology, Washington  
University, St. Louis, MO  
1960-63 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute of Physiology, University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy  
1958-60 Intern, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Siena Medical School, Italy

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Member, International Advisory Committee, SISSA, Trieste Italy (2010)  
President, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2007-2009)  
President of Italy Gold Medal for achievements in science (2005)  
National Academy of Medicine (2005)  
Empedocles Prize (2005)  
Degree "honoris causa" in Biomedical Engineering, University of Genova, Italy. (2004)  
National Academy of Sciences (1986)  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1980)  
Italian National Academy (Accademia dei Lincei-Rome) (1998)  
Secretary of The American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1999)  
Eugene McDermott Professorship in the Brain Sciences and Human Behavior (1980)  
Hermann von Helmholtz Award (1992)  
Trustee, Neurosciences Research Foundation, Inc. (1991- )  
Counselor, Society for Neuroscience (1988)  
NIH Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award (1988)  
NIH MERIT Award (1986)  
Bartlett Lecturer (1988)

Whitaker Health Sciences Award (1978-79, 1982-83)  
Alden Spencer Award (1978)  
Fellow, Foundation Fund for Research in Psychiatry (1968)  
Medical degree with highest honors (summa cum laude) (1958)

#### **COMMITTEES**

Secretary, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1998)  
Chair, Class II Membership Committee, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1995-98)  
Trustee, Neurosciences Research Foundation, Inc. (1991-1999)  
Member of N.I.H. Study Section Vision B (1973-1977)  
Advisory Board, Charlestown MGH Center for Integrative Psychiatry  
Board of Scientific Advisors, Center for Neural Science, New York University (1986 )  
Corporation Member, Boston Museum of Science (1989)  
Advisory Board, McDonnell-Pew Program in Cognitive Neuroscience (1990 )  
Member, Harvard University Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (1994- )  
Professional Advisory Board, Bancroft Corporation (1998)  
Associate, The Neurosciences Institute, San Diego, CA (1999)  
Board of Scientific Directors, Institute for Scientific Information, Turin, Italy (2001-2006)  
International Scientific Evaluation Committee, International Institute for Advanced Studies,  
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Board of Scientific Directors, Bio3 Research, Milan, Italy (2001)  
Committee Chair – Neuroscience, Italian Institute of Technology, Genoa, Italy (2009-present)

#### **EDITORIAL BOARDS**

Journal of Motor Behavior; Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience; Journal of Neuroscience; Behavioural Brain Research; Somatosensory and Motor Research; Current Opinion in Neurobiology; Cognitive Brain Research

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Accademia Nazionale Dei Lincei (Italian National Academy)  
International Brain Research Organization (IBRO)  
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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Dr. Bizzi has published over 200 articles in refereed journals, book chapters and abstracts. He has been an invited participant in both national and international conferences. His publications include:

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