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I am Professor of Pedology at the University of Torino (Italy), and the head of the PhD program in Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences. During my career, that started in 1992 when I've obtained my PhD in Soil Mineralogy, I've taught Pedology to hundreds of MSc and BSc students in Agricultural or Forest Sciences. I have also managed to spend some periods abroad, in Belgium, at the very beginning of my activity, and at CSIRO in Australia, later on (although many years ago). Research projects still allow to share ideas and experiences with international colleagues. Thanks to these projects, I have worked on soils in Botswana, Namibia, Czech Republic, Australia, Russia, Japan (and Italy, of course). I am now the vice-President of the Italian Society of Pedology, and have been previously vice-chair of a Commission of the International Union of Soil Sciences and the Soil Mineralogy chair in the Italian Society of Soil Science.

My research interests are linked by the idea that all soil properties are related to soil genetic pathways and that understanding these relationships helps in sustainable soil management and use. I have published more than 70 journal articles on these topics in addition to many other non-indexed publications. I think that researchers have a great responsibility when they publish their results, and therefore I also serve as one of the Editors-in-chief of *Catena*, an interdisciplinary soil science journal.

