

**BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL (Abstract)**

Sandro Lovari was born in Siena, Italy, on 11.8.46. He got a diploma at the Humanities Lyceum (*Liceo Classico*) in Siena, and in 1972 he got his doctorate (*Laurea*) of Biology *cum laude* at Siena University. The experimental part of his doctoral thesis was prepared at the Sub-Department of Animal Behaviour, Cambridge University, while he was recipient of a study grant awarded by the Wellcome Trust, London. He has been a Visiting Researcher at the universities of Cambridge (1971; 1984-85), Groningen (1971-72) and Stockholm (1977); has had appointments as researcher at the universities of Siena (1974-77) and Parma (1977-87); in 1987 he got the Chair in Zoology at Camerino University (Macerata, Italy) and since 1990 he has been Full Professor of Animal Behaviour at Siena University. His research interests lie on the behavioural ecology, behaviour and management of large Mammals (ungulates and carnivores).

He has authored some 200 full papers, 5 books and has edited 4 more. Of these, 64 full papers have been concerned with mountain ungulates (Caprinae), dealing with their conservation, systematics, biometrics, behaviour, ecology and related subjects, nearly all in peer-reviewed journals; he also edited one book on their biology and management (1985). Semi-technical and popular articles exceed 250 in number and he was awarded the "Glaxo Prize for Science Popularisation" (1984). He has also been recipient of the prize "Personality of the Year" (1999) given by the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (C.I.C.) for his contribution to the conservation and management of mountain ungulates.

He has given invited seminars and lectures at the universities of Bangkok, Bern, Cambridge, Durham, Gilgit, Islamabad, Lahore, Leicester, Milan, Padua, Pavia, Pisa, Reading, Seoul, Siena, Stockholm, Tbilisi, Tokyo, Toulouse, Vienna and Zürich; has been awarded scholarships, fellowships and research grants by many international and national organisations e.g. National Geographic Society U.S.A., Dutch Ministry of Education, I.U.C.N., Italian Ministry of University and Research; has organised 4 international conferences on the biology and management of mountain ungulates (1983; 1989; 1997; 2016), an international conference on deer biology (2007), a national congress of mammalogy (1994) and the 5<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Mammalogy (2007); has participated in the preparation of the management plan for the Maremma Natural Park, Italy (1974); has been a consultant zoologist at the Abruzzo National Park, Italy (1976-86); has been in the Steering Committee of the Casentinesi Forests National Park, Italy (1993-1997) and of the Maremma Regional Park (2000-2008); has been chairman and member of the I.U.C.N./SSC Caprinae Specialist Group (1985-1996 and 1997-2015, respectively) and has been again appointed chairman (2016-present); member of the Bear Specialist Group (1983-2003), member of the Reintroduction Specialist Group (1994-2013) and member of the Deer Specialist Group (2004-present); has been the leader of many research expeditions in Kenya, India, Nepal and Thailand, as well as research projects in Bangladesh, Canada, Nepal, Thailand and other Asian countries. He is fluent in Italian (mother tongue) and in English, and can communicate in Spanish and French.

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