

CLAUDIO SCAZZOCCHIO

Prof. Claudio Scazzocchio was born in Rome in 1938. He studied at the University of Montevideo and the University of Rome and acquired his Msc in 1961. He finished his PhD at the University of Cambridge in 1966. He started his scientific work as an assistant in the Institute of Biological Chemistry at the University of Rome in 1961, then became a lecturer at the School of Medicine in Montevideo, Uruguay. Professor Scazzocchio won a British Council Research Studentship and worked at the Department of Genetics at the University of Cambridge between 1963-67. From 1967 he worked as a post-doctoral fellow in the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, Israel, then at the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) in France. Professor Scazzocchio returned to the UK to continue his work at the Universities of Cambridge and Essex, where he was appointed the chairman of the Department of Biology in 1976. For over 20 years he conducted research as a professor at the Université Paris-Sud, Orsay, France, and was appointed emeritus professor in 2006. He is also a visiting professor at the Imperial College, London and an honorary professor of molecular genetics at the School of Sciences in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The research interests of Professor Scazzocchio are: mitochondrial genetics, class I intron splicing, control of gene expression in ascomycetes, specificity and topogenesis of transporters and cellular trafficking, chromatin organisation and heterologous transposons as tools to study genome structure. He is the author of 137 articles, 33 reviews and book chapters, and also a number of popular science articles. Professor Scazzocchio is a member of several scientific organizations including EMBO, and the Mexican and Latin-American Academy of Sciences.