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Curriculum vitae
Short Version



Prof. **Antonio C. D. Panaino** is Full Professor of Iranian Studies at the “Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna” and he has been until October 2008 Dean of the “Faculty for the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage” in Ravenna, where also the “Ilya and Lisbeth Gershevitch Library” is located according to the generous wish of this scholar. The same Faculty has acquired the “J. P. Asmussen Library”, which is presently at disposal of the consultants. Prof. Panaino has been Secretary and, then, President of the *Societas Iranologica Europaea*. Presently he is Director of the Emilia-Romagna branch of the Italian Institute for Africa and the Orient. He has founded with other scholars the International Association «MELAMMU» dedicated to the study of the intercultural phenomena in antiquity with special regard for the heritage of the Assyrian and Babylonian cultures.

Prof. Panaino is the Director of the Italian Scientific Mission in Tajikistan. He studied at the State University of Milan and, then, obtained his PHD at the Oriental Institute of Naples with a thesis on the Avestan hymnology. He also studied in Cambridge (Jesus College), London (SOAS), Belgium (Liège). His scientific interests concern:

- 1) Avestan and generally Mazdean literatures;
- 2) the history of religions in Pre-Islamic Iran;
- 3) the mutual influences between Byzantium and the Sasanian;



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- 4) Astronomy and Astrology in the ancient world; 4
 - 5) Ethnolinguistics of the Yaghnobi and of the Iranian area.
 - 6) Preservation of the ethno-cultural heritage in areas of crisis and conflict.
He is also infantry Tenent in the reserve of the Italian Army.
 - 7) History of games in antiquity.
- Professor Panaino has been visiting professor in many European Universities and Academies [Harvard, Yale, Brown, London, Collège de France (Paris), Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Paris), etc.].
He is author of various books and more than two hundred scientific contributions.