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FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATOR

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LANGUAGES

- Italian (Native proficiency)
- English (Fluent proficiency)
- Spanish (Fluent proficiency)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- FIGC: Sporting Director Course, Sporting Director License, Graduated 2025 (Reg No: 2818)
- University of Rome Tor Vergata: Master in Economics & Sport Management, Graduated 2011
- University of Rome Tor Vergata: Law Degree, Graduated 2009
- Stanton School of English: Advanced Level English Course, Nov 2011 - Jan 2012
- Centro de Idiomas de la Universidad de Leon: Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language, Jan 2008 - Nov 2008
- University College of Norwich: English Language Course, 2002
- University College of Malta: English Language Course, 2001

IT SKILLS

- Performance Analysis & Scouting Tools: Wyscout, Instat, ISF-Scout 7
- FIFA TMS Platform
- Reserved Area FIGC, LNPA, LNPB, Lega Pro, LND
- Microsoft Office & Microsoft 365
- Windows, Apple and Android operating systems
- Data Management Software: SoccerLAB, Iterpro

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Creation of the administrative digital archive and database for Parma Calcio 1913
- ✓ Led the digital transition process of Parma Calcio 1913's Sports Area and created their R&D department
- ✓ Constructed Parma Calcio 1913's Scouting Department and utilisation of a bespoke methodology to enhance recruitment
- ✓ Created a database of scouted players and contacts of key personnel at clubs and registered FIFA Player Representatives

I am a highly ambitious and proactive Football Administrator who has cultivated an impressive portfolio of experience and achievements through a wide variety of roles at Parma Calcio 1913 and has established a contact network in elite football.

Throughout my professional career as a General Secretary, Sports Secretary and Scouting Area Coordinator, I have demonstrated analysis and problem-solving skillset to oversee organisational and logistical management to ensure the continued progression of the club on and off the field.

I am proficient in the working of domestic, international and football governing bodies and I have performed a key role in player trading negotiations and the talent identification of players who have progressed the performance of the team.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



Parma Calcio 1913

General Secretary (Women's Department)	Jun 2022 - Present
Sports Secretary (Men's Department)	Jul 2015 - Oct 2018

- Manage all processes relating to the System of National Licensing and UEFA Licensing System for the club's Men's and Women's departments
- Main point of contact for institutional and operational communications with the Italian Football Federation (FIGC), National Professionals League Serie A (LNPA), National Professionals League B (LNPB), National Professional League C (LegaPro), FIGC Women's Football Division, Football Federations and Associations, registered FIFA Player Representatives
- Operational contact for player recruitment administrative activities, including registration and release of players, drafting and preparation of forms and contacts
- Manage and coordinate processes relating to the on-boarding and off-boarding of players, Technical and Sports Executive
- Oversee and lead Technical and Sports Executive staff
- Responsible for managing secretarial activities, including coordination of internal stakeholders and management of international communications relating to the men's first team, women's first team, and the Primavera team
- Oversee management related to the scheduling of games and the handling of disciplinary situations concerning players and staff

Key Achievements

- ✓ Created and manage the main administrative digital archive and database
- ✓ Performed a key role in obtaining the National Licence for the Men's department (2013 - 2018) and the Women's Department (2022 - Present), as well as the UEFA Licence for the Women's Team
- ✓ Utilise a full knowledge and understanding of Sporting, National and International regulations
- ✓ Successfully drafted the relevant agreements for the acquisition or trading of National or International players, as well as related employment contacts
- ✓ Appointed FIFA TMS official user for the club (2013 - 2018) and FIFA TMS Manager of the Women's Department (2022 - Present)

"Working with Christian has proven to be a real pleasure. You can see his skills and his value immediately, he always manages to be on the ball and find the right solution even before others notice the problem. He is a brilliant person and a precious and rare to find resource."

*Domenico Aurelio: Head of Women's Department,
Parma Calcio 1913*





"Christian is a person with strong organizational skills and a great sense of responsibility. Always very efficient and oriented towards problem solving and he often managed to find innovative solutions to his work."

Javier Ribalta: Former Managing Director Sport, Parma Calcio 1913



"I had the pleasure of working with Christian during my experience in Parma, I immediately appreciated his great professionalism, his ability to work in a large group and always know how to relate impeccably. In difficult times he demonstrated the ability to face and solve problems with speed and determination. Finally, he demonstrated that he knows how to take responsibility."

Corrado Di Taranto: Former Chief Operating Officer, Parma FC



References: Further references are available upon request

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED



Parma Calcio 1913

Scouting Area Coordinator

Oct 2018 - Jun 2022

- Performed a lead role in supporting the Technical and Sports Management in the negotiations regarding the buying and selling of players, as well as assisted the Sports Secretary regarding the drafting of legal documents
- Responsible for the management of the data management system and IR tools for sharing data with key stakeholders involved in the process of buying and selling players
- Managed relationship and constructed a contact network of FIFA Agents and Player Intermediaries, as well as with key personnel at overseas clubs
- Organised and oversaw the logistical management of all scouting activities to enhance player recruitment processes, including the creation of in-depth and comprehensive player reports
- Supported the identification and selection of players through the management of IT solutions relating to analysis and the monitoring of their performance
- Conducted Senior Scout activities, including observing players in live games as well as through video analysis

Key Achievements

- ✓ Performed a key role in and managed multiple negotiations for the acquisition, sale or loan signing of players
- ✓ Created a comprehensive contact network of FIFA Agents and leading figures within football
- ✓ Created and implemented a new scouting methodology within the club
- ✓ Oversaw and managed all scouting activities
- ✓ Represented the club at national and international football events
- ✓ Created and managed a scouting database
- ✓ Implemented and managed bespoke ICT solutions for player recruitment, player trading and scouting activities



Parma Calcio 1913

Head of R&D Department

Jan 2019 - Oct 2020

- Led the establishment of a specialised team which dealt with the optimisation of the digitalisation and automation of various areas within the club
- Responsible for the analysis and mapping of existing business processes, IT and technological tools
- Identified critical issues and opportunities, including the proposal for targeted solutions based on the specific requirements of each area within the club
- Prepared and produced a specific operational plan for the implementation of the identified solutions
- Produced processes guidelines, operating manuals and helpdesk activities to all club areas for ICT tool users
- Constructed reports and periodic presentations to monitor the advancement of the work and to verify the results produced through an adopted operational plan

Key Achievements

- ✓ Performed a key role in growing the club's appeal during the sale phase of the club through the creation of specific reports and brochures
- ✓ Management of the digital transition phase of the club's areas through the implementation of bespoke ICT solutions for administrative activities



**Parma FC
(now Parma Calcio 1913)**

Deputy General Secretary

Mar 2015 - Jun 2015

- Assisted and supported the insolvency administrators relating to the relating to the reconstruction of sport and corporate debt during the bankruptcy of the club at Parma Calcio, formerly known as Parma FC
- Responsible for general and sport secretary activities

- Parma FC
- Factory 21
- Parma FC
- University of Rome Tor Vergata

- Deputy General Secretary
- Purchasing and Logistics Manager
- Trainee Deputy General Secretary
- Public Relations Officer

- Jun 2013 - Jun 2015
- Sep 2012 - Jun 2013
- Feb 2011 - Sep 2011
- Apr 2002 - Apr 2008