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Dr. Morando Soffritti, M.D., is the Scientific Director of the European Foundation for Oncology and Environmental Sciences "B. Ramazzini" in Bologna, Italy, where one of the world's largest and longest existing programs of carcinogenicity bioassays is conducted. His scientific research is oriented toward the identification of the causes of tumors, particularly those of industrial and environmental origin. At the European Ramazzini Foundation's Cesare Maltoni Cancer Research Center in Bentivoglio, Dr. Soffritti has designed and directed long-term carcinogenicity bioassays to study dozens of compounds and agents including formaldehyde, gasoline oxygenated additives, pesticides, ionizing radiation and aspartame. He is currently conducting mega-experiments on electromagnetic fields originating from electricity and mobile telephones. Dr. Soffritti's work also includes the evaluation of substances that can be effectively used in cancer chemoprevention, in particular for mammary cancer.

Dr. Soffritti holds degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Bologna. In 1977 he specialized in gastrology and began his post-graduate training as a Visiting Fellow at the Royal Free Hospital of London. From 1979 to 1981 he worked as a Visiting Scientist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, USA and in 1984, completed an additional specialization in oncology.

Dr. Soffritti is the author of more than 150 publications and serves as an expert for working groups at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France and collaborates with the National Toxicology Commission of the Italian National Institute of Health. He is a teacher of Industrial and Environmental Carcinogenesis for the Specialization Schools of Oncology at the Universities of Turin and Bologna. He is responsible for the scientific direction of the Mortality Register (with particular regard to cancer-related deaths), of the province of Bologna and eighteen other areas in Italy, managed by the European Ramazzini Foundation. In 2001 Dr. Soffritti was nominated Secretary General of the Collegium Ramazzini, an international academy of 180 experts in occupational health and environmental medicine from over 30 different countries.