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Andrea Vacca graduated in Geological Sciences in 1984 at the University of Cagliari (Italy) and obtained his MSc degree in Soil Science at the Statal University of Ghent (Belgium), in 1988. In 1990 he became Technical Managerial Instructor with qualification of geologist at the Extension Service of the Sardinian Region. In 1998 he was appointed as a Research Scientist in Pedology at the University of Naples Frederic II. He was confirmed in his research position in 2001. From November 2001 to September 2015 he has been a Research Scientist at the University of Cagliari. In October 2015 he was appointed as Associate Professor in Pedology at the University of Cagliari. During his scientific career he has participated in several international, national and regional research projects, coordinating some of them. He has Membership of the Italian Society of Soil Science, the International Union of Soil Sciences, and the Italian Society of Pedology. He has been Regional Referent for Pedology in the frame of the Committee for the National Soil and Soil Quality Observatory. He is member of the scientific board of the PhD course in Earth and Environmental Sciences and Technologies of the University of Cagliari (Italy). He is author of more than 130 papers published in international and national journals, proceedings of international and national congresses, and chapters of international and national books.

**Research interests**

Soil degradation and desertification; Soil and land evaluation; Soil genesis, soil survey, soil mapping; Relationships between soils and morphology on quaternary continental deposits.

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