

Composition of the Central Commission for the Promotion Welfare and Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults (CO.BE.TU.)

Orazio Moscatello: Italian

Coordinator of the Focolare Movement's Welfare and Safeguarding Commission

- *Criminal and civil lawyer. Expert in Family and Children's Law*
- *Member of the Juvenile Commission of the Bar Association of Bari (Italy)*
- *Member of 'Communion and Law', an international network uniting scholars and practitioners in different fields of law*

"Training and Prevention"

Patrizia Bertoncello: Italian

- *Multi-specialised Primary School Teacher and Formator; Masters in Intercultural Education*
- *Expert in inclusion issues with special reference to educational poverty, fragility, and vulnerability in childhood*
- *Member of the Executive of the National Council of Lay Associations (Italian Bishops' Conference)*
- *Publication of articles and essays on childhood*

Mariano Iavarone: Italian

Social worker, family counsellor, family and systemic mediator

- *Doctor of Psychology specialising in counselling*
- *Supervisor and formator of communities for children and professionals who give support*
- *Member of EATA (European Association for Transactional Analysis)*
- *Ordinary member CISMAI (Italian Coordination of Services against Child Maltreatment and Abuse)*
- *Former Honorary Judge at the Juvenile Court of Naples (Italy)*

Cristina Yocca: Argentinian

- *Teacher at a school for the blind and visually impaired (Argentina)*
- *Specialist in 'premature attention' of child development, in the public and private sector*
- *Child and family psychologist at various counselling centres*
- *Training Courses for the Protection and Promotion of the Welfare of Children and Adolescents*

M. Belen Sainz-Cantero Caparros: Spanish

- *Professor of Civil Law (University of Almeria, Spain)*
- *Director of the research group on 'Private and Comparative Law Studies*
- *Head of the research group on 'Legal policies on minors'.*
- *Director of Protection of People Group - Bioethics Committee (University of Almeria, Spain)*
- *Director of Abuse Case Management Control Office (University of Almeria, Spain)*

"Management of Reports"

Joe Cassar: Maltese

- *Psychiatrist at the Ministry of Public Health, Malta*
- *Former Minister for Health in the Maltese Parliament*
- *Expert for the Maltese court in child abuse cases*
- *Member of the Maltese diocesan commission on abuse*
- *Publication of various articles in psychiatric journals*

Viviana Colonnetti: Argentine-Italian nationality

- *Psychologist psychotherapist, forensic and legal psychologist. Expert in child abuse and maltreatment: prevention, diagnosis, and responsibility*
- *School psychologist at institutions for minors in Cordoba (Argentina) and in the province of Rome (Italy)*
- *Member of 'Psychology and Communion', an international network of psychologists*
- *Publication of articles on prevention and the promotion of well-being in children and adolescents*

Michel Dupuis: Belgian

- *Philologist, neuro-linguist, philosopher*
- *Former Chairman of the Belgian Bioethics Committee*
- *Former Vice-President of the Federal Committee for 'Patients' Rights' of Belgium*
- *Member of the Steering Committee of the Institute for the Promotion of Education in Islam (Brussels, Belgium)*
- *Scientific head of the French-speaking Study Group on the Ethics of Relationships in Care (Paris, France)*
- *Publications: articles, original works and translations on phenomenological anthropology and organisational ethics in care*

Maria Antonia Menchise: Italian

- *Criminal and civil lawyer. Expert in family and child law as well as in crimes of abuse and violence against the person*
- *Assistant and legal adviser Anti-Gender Violence Centres authorised by the Puglia Region (Italy)*
- *Speaker at conferences and training courses for social- health and educational workers on the topic of gender-based violence and violence against minors*

Tiziana Merletti: Italian

- *Doctor of jurisprudence and canon law. Expert, consultant and formator in law for institutes of consecrated life*
- *Member of the Information and Help Service ([S.In.Ai.](#)) for sexual and economic abuse reports of the Diocese of Padua (Italy)*
- *Member of the Triveneto Regional Service for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Persons.*
- *Member of the Commission for Care and Protection, in collaboration between the two International Unions of Superiors General (UISG-USG)*
- *Publication of various articles on issues of canon law, particularly on sexual abuse, power, and conscience in women's religious life*

Flaminia Poletti: Italian

- *Psychiatrist, senior manager in psychiatry at the Department of Mental Health, Ascoli Piceno (Italy)*
- *Publications of scientific papers in proceedings of conferences and congresses of Neurology, Italian Society of Psychiatry, World Psychiatry Congress*

Alessia Sangiorgio: Italian

- *Lawyer with extensive experience in the field of criminal law, in particular offences against public administration, medical malpractice, narcotics, crimes against the person and the family, especially family abuse and stalking, proceedings before the Supervisory Court*
- *Member of the editorial board of the magazine 'Strepitus Fori', Review of the Criminal Jurisprudence of Rome edited by the Criminal Chamber of Rome.. She is a member of the Criminal Chamber of Rome*
- *Member of the Supervisory Board of companies and consultant for the preparation of crime prevention models*

Vincenzo Giuseppe Saponaro: Italian

- *Criminal and civil lawyer*
- *For nine years Honorary Judge at the Court of Appeal section for Minors, Lecce (Italy)*
 - *Family and criminal mediator at the Court of Brindisi (Italy)*
 - *Special curator of minors at the Juvenile Court of Lecce (Italy)*
- *For ten years co-ordinator of the 'Ragazzi per l'Unità' [Teens for Unity] movement for the cities of Lecce and Bari (Italy)*
- *Co-founder of the educational community 'Chiara Luce' for the reception of minors and mothers with children with difficulties (Lecce, Italy)*