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Marco Sarchiapone, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, is Associated Professor at the University of Molise, Italy. He has been involved in research in the field of suicidology for more than 20 years in an interdisciplinary perspective, ranging from biological aspects to social and psychological correlates.

His main interests in the field of suicidology are: bio-psycho-social aspects of suicidal behaviours, correlation between suicidal behaviour and psychiatric disorders, genetics of suicide and psichiatric disorders, impulsiveness and suicide, childhood trauma and suicide, early identification and treatment of suicidal patients, risk behaviours and suicide among adolescents.

He is the Chairman of the Section on Suicidology and Suicide Prevention of the European Psychiatric Association (www.suicidology.net/epa), General Secretary of the Section on Suicidology of the World Psychiatric Association, Italian representative at the WHO/Euro Network for Suicide Prevention. He was deputy coordinator of SEYLE (Saving and Empowering Young Lives in Europe) and WE-STAY (Working in Europe to Stop Truancy Among Youth), two research projects regarding the prevention of suicidal and other risk behaviours in adolescence, funded under the EU 7th Framework Programme. He is also one of the promoters of SUPREME (Suicide Prevention by Internet and Media Based Mental Health Promotion), funded by the European Agency for Health and Consumers and site leader in the European project, Monitoring Suicide in Europe (MONSUE). In Italy, he has been responsible for a large research project on psychological and genetic factors associated to violence and self-harm behavior in prisoners. He was the President of the 13th European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour.