

## Opinion mafia in Italy: top virologist Maria Rita Gismondo under attack.

An Italian medical expert gave COMPACT two interviews - and destroyed persistent corona myths in the process. Now mainstream media is railing against the respected virologist.

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The virologist Prof. Dr. Maria Rita Gismondo enjoys a reputation in Italy like Christian Drosten, Alexander Kekulé or Hendrik Streeck in this country (Germany). The laboratory manager of the Luigi Sacco Hospital in Milan is considered an expert in her field. Her expertise is in demand, she is often seen on radio and television. However, the doctor, who was also active in the fight against Ebola in Africa, differs from many of her colleagues in one point: She does not allow herself to be infected by the Corona scare tactics and with scientific arguments contradicts semi-official theses about the virus.

### **"The mortality is very, very low"**

Maria Rita Gismondo in conversation with Billy Six

Prof. Dr. Maria Rita Gismondo (\* 1954) is laboratory manager at the Luigi Sacco Hospital in Milan. The clinic has over 500 beds and is one of two in the country to have biosecurity level 4. The virologist was in Africa to fight Ebola and had a lot to say in the Italian media in February / March 2020. The interview, shortened for printing, was held at a corona symposium of the AfD parliamentary group in early July.

**We saw horror images from Italy in the media. What was the situation really like in March and April?**

It was confused: so much wrong data. Every day the Ministry of Health published numbers on those who tested positive and those who died. But we are not convinced that these were secure values. The biggest confusion was whether people died because of or with Covid-19. At the very end, the ministry first made it clear: Only ten, maybe a little more, really died of Covid-19. The other patients were infected with corona, but also had very serious other diseases. We can define Covid-19 as an opportunistic infection, not a primary infection.

**The whole world has seen the trucks with coffins in Bergamo. Were there really corpses in there?**

I can't comment on it as I was in the lab and only saw the pictures on TV. In my opinion, there was no right to spread these pictures because it had negative psychological consequences for people.

**The WHO changed the definition of a pandemic in 2009. Why?**

I don't know the reasons for this change. Before that, a pandemic was defined by the fatality of the infection. After 2009 it was about the number of countries affected. A big difference. It allows countries to declare a state of emergency in very few cases. In Italy this was proclaimed when there were just four patients. It should have been a lot more to justify that.

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**In Milan, water samples were taken from rivers in November 2019 and examined by her laboratory. Do you have a few details for us?**

We tested the samples and found the new coronavirus. That means that it did not come to Italy in January / February 2020, but probably already in the middle of 2019.

[On August 5, 2020, the FAZ wrote on page 2 about the significance of this discovery: «According to Franco Locatelli, President of the National Health Institute, the study proves that the national lockdown from March to May was “absolutely central” in preventing the virus from spreading to the south. This assessment contradicts the finding that the virus had apparently been recognized in the province of Lombardy (...) since December at the latest, but that it did not migrate to the south to any significant extent, although the national curfew was only imposed on March 10th.]

**You were the first to use the corona test. Was it the one that had been developed by Professor Drosten from Berlin?**

Yes, we used the Berlin and Hong Kong tests. Both to be sure.

**Are these tests reliable?**

About ten percent of all tests are likely to be wrong. This is the case with all PCR tests.

**You have been criticized for your comments on social networks. Why?**

Yes, some scientific organizations criticized a private Facebook post. In February, I discovered that Corona was just a little worse than the flu, but not as bad as the Spanish flu. Lethality and mortality are very, very low with Corona.

**Have you tried to force them to stop talking about the situation?**

I was indirectly asked to stop my statements. And the media didn't invite me anymore either. From March onwards, they only invited virologists who had been brought into line.

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## **Prof. Maria Rita Gismondo: "The situation was never dramatic"**

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**COMPACT: The Italian scientific institute IRCCS found antibodies to Sars-Cov-2 in blood samples from September and October 2019. What does this mean? And what is the official reaction in Italy?**

Prof. Maria Rita Gismondo: The importance of these antibodies, which were found in the blood of patients from September 2019, shows that the virus was circulating much earlier than we had noticed - if it were to be confirmed that they were specific antibodies against Sars-Cov-2 acts. There is no official response. I'm surprised because politicians only talk about vaccinations.

**The number of so-called "Corona cases" in Italy was six times higher in November than in March. Have we now also seen six times more measures and panic?**

I don't think there are more positive people in November than in March. I believe that while the test tampons were only used on symptomatic subjects in March, today they are for everyone. But let's not forget that the real number is at least 20% lower. In fact, the results of the swabs are reported, but the same person sometimes repeats it many times. Now people no longer believe that it is possible to escape the pandemic.

**What is the current situation in Italian hospitals? Is there still a difference between north and south?**

Although some "experts" - theorists and not true clinicians in contact with reality - have declared a tragedy, the situation so far, while grave, has never been dramatic. In the south, the number of sick people is not terrifying, but the fact is that there is no adequate equipment there.

**Did the ubiquitous mask requirement help to secure the health situation of the people?**

The mask is still a barrier, even if it is a real sacrifice for our breathing. I don't know how much it helped improve the situation, it certainly helped.

**Is it true that the Italian death rates for 2020 will be the same as in previous years - except for Bergamo and Brescia? And if so, how can that be with a virus spread across the country?**

I can only refer to the official statistics of our ISTAT: Bergamo and Brescia belong to the Lombardy region, which was accordingly hardest hit - an increase in deaths of 191 percent in March 2020 compared to the same months 2015-19. In southern Basilicata, however, the number is 4.6 percent below the average. For the whole of Italy, the excess mortality rate from January to August was 8.6 percent, to which, however, only the north contributed. In the center and the Mezzogiorno the values are even slightly negative.

**Extra-parliamentary investigations in Germany have shown that the death of many old people in Bergamo and Brescia could have been due to incorrect treatment - some even believe in euthanasia - carried out with senseless flu vaccinations, antibiotics and ventilation. Do you have any information about the situation there in early 2020?**

I don't know any details but this is insane!

**What do you think of the rumors that the army trucks "with bodies" that were shown extensively by the leading media - were in fact empty, that is, we were only presented with a show?**

It's a rumor that was circulating. I cannot know the reality. All I can say is that the scenes that were shown on television all day could only have the purpose of intimidating the population.

**In July you said that of the 30,000 so-called "corona deaths" only ten had actually died of Covid-19. Now we are shown a total of more than 50,000. Do we now have more in-depth studies to differentiate between those who died from or with Corona?**

I absolutely do not believe in the official Covid death numbers. Any patient who comes to the hospital for whatever reason and then tests positive for the virus becomes a Covid patient and, if they die, a Covid death. This is incorrect as the virus is widely circulated in the population.

**Media tell us that vaccination is now ready. How was that possible so quickly while a vaccination against Sars-Cov-1 could not be made even after 15 years?**

It takes five to ten years of study to get a vaccine that is effective but also without side effects. Today vaccines will be offered in a few months. One very important thing needs to be clarified: two types of vaccines are being studied - a "protein" type according to the old techniques and a "gene" type. For the first time this technique is used to make vaccines.

In the first case, the trial times can be shortened - not months. In fact, we have known for almost a century that they can almost exclusively produce effects that manifest themselves within a short period of time after administration. To get quick results, it is enough to increase the number of volunteers. The genetic vaccine has to be studied for a long time, according to FDA papers. A mutation in our cells could occur in up to 20 years!

**Would you recommend this new vaccination?**

I recommend the protein vaccination - a genetic one in 20 years!

**Does the Sars-Cov-2 type from Corona from Wuhan still exist - or has it already mutated, as Dr. Wodarg from Germany says?**

The virus now shows about four or five forms of mutation.

**You investigated the Ebola situation in West Africa in 2014. The number of malaria cases fell as the number of Ebola cases surfaced. This was later confirmed by a Polish study. The symptoms of Ebola and Malaria are the same. What do you think of the speculation that the epidemic at the time was only artificial?**

I was in Uganda [East Africa] to prepare for the confrontation with Ebola. My mission took place in different villages. Some of my professional colleagues went to support the clinicians in Liberia. I am a virologist, not a police officer.