

**Marco Pasquali**  
**Chancellor of the University of Pisa**

Marco Pasquali was born in Cremona in 1947, completed his Advanced Level Certificate Studies in 1965 and graduated in Industrial Chemistry from the University of Pisa in 1970.

He has since been an Assistant, External Lecturer, Associate Professor and, from 1990, Professor of General and Inorganic Chemistry for the Degree Course in Chemistry. Of particular significance are the contributions to the study of the activation of small molecules such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and hydroxilic function through metallic centres, in particular copper, palladium, platinum. His research has led to the isolation and characterisation of the first stable Cu carbonyls.

He is a member of the Department of Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry. His research field is the Coordination and Metallorganic Chemistry of the "d" series transition metals. He is co-author of around 90 works published in international periodicals, and a university text on General and Inorganic Chemistry (published by Casa Editrice Ambrosiana).

Marco Pasquali has collaborated with researchers from foreign universities and his most important findings have been presented in lectures at the New York State University, Academy of Sciences in Russia, University of Rennes, University of Ottawa and the Zurich Polytechnic. On several occasions he has been in charge of coordinating inter-university projects funded by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council).

He has been carrying out administrative duties for some time, initially as Dean of the Degree Course in Chemistry and, since 1996, as Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences.

In June 2004 he was bestowed the great honour of receiving the title of Major Officer to the Merit of the Republic.