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RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Sept 2001 - present

I am a qualified translator with many years' experience. Initially I worked mainly as a technical translator in the medical and pharmaceutical market research, business and finance. In recent years, however, I developed an interest in academic and literary translation, both fiction and non-fiction. Because of this, in 2014 I started a small publishing company to publish translations of Italian female writers (Calisi Press, www.calisipress.com), for which I translated Donatella Di Pietrantonio's first novel, *My Mother Is a River*, published in November 2015, and Donatella's second novel, *Bella* Mia, published in November 2016. Although my publishing venture was not a commercial success, the novels and their translations received very positive public and peer reviews and they remain a source of great professional pride to me.

I currently work with both agencies and direct clients (mainly self-published authors, agents and publishing companies for the translation of novels, short stories and samples). My commercial work includes business, financial and marketing topics. I have also worked on food and travel materials, subjects that allow me to combine my professional expertise with areas of strong personal interest, and have translated a cookery book as well as several food and travel articles and websites.

EDUCATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

2008 - BA (Open) (Modular degree course)
2007 – Certificate in Accounting (Open)
2011 – Institute of Linguists Diploma in Translation (Italian into English)
2016 – Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Writing

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS' MEMBERSHIPS

I am a Qualified Member of ITI - Institute of Translators and Interpreters (Membership No. 00005239) as well as a full member of The Society of Authors/Translators Association (Membership No. 56854)