

# Distinguished Leadership Award Winner 2024 Prof. Franco Giannini

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Franco Giannini, a prominent figure in the field of microwave electronics, is the recipient of the European Microwave Association's Distinguished Leadership Award for 2024.

Prof. Giannini graduated summa cum laude in Electronics Engineering from the University of Roma La Sapienza in 1968, earning national recognition as the best Graduate Student in Electronics Engineering that year.

He started his academic career at the same university, progressing to Full Professor of Applied Electronics by 1980. In 1981, he joined the University of Roma Tor Vergata, where he has held several key positions, including Head of the Department of Electronics Engineering and Vice Rector for Internal and International Affairs.

Prof. Giannini chaired the National Society of University and Industry Researchers in Electronics (GE) from 2005 to 2008 and served as President of the International GAAS Association from 2005 to 2023.

His contributions extend beyond academia. Prof. Giannini has worked with various organizations, including the Italian National Technical Council of Telecommunications, the Italian Space Agency, and the Alenia-Alcatel Space. He has also played significant roles in European research projects and initiatives, notably in the development of GaAs microelectronics.

Throughout his career, Prof. Giannini has been honoured with numerous awards, including the Irena Galewska Kielbasinski Prize, the 150th Anniversary Medal from Warsaw University of Technology, and the title of Emeritus Professor from the University of Roma Tor Vergata.

In 2008, Prof. Giannini was awarded the prestigious Laurea Honoris Causa Scientiarum Technicarum by the Warsaw University of Technology (WUT).

His research has significantly advanced microwave electronics for telecom and space applications, and he has authored or co-authored over 560 contributions to the field. Prof. Giannini's leadership and achievements have left a lasting impact on the microwave community, inspiring many of his former Ph.D. students and co-workers who are now respected members of the

