



Fabrizio Renzi

Director of research innovation & technology of IBM Italy.


Current role


In this role he is responsible for the board of IBM Italy of all the research and open innovation activities of the country, for the localization of IBM Global innovation and research centers in Italy

His core competence is R&b (Research & business) management in a multicultural environment, i.e. using IBM research and open innovation from academy & startups, and technology to partner with clients for transforming their business. Another key competence Fabrizio has is the one around creation of new organizations, and centers. In his track record he did, Bologna, Rieti and Milano centers in Italy, and all the technology focused technical teams of Central Eastern Europe middle east and Africa in the period he was working there.

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Professional history

- Joined IBM Italy in Milano in 1990.
- In the early stage of his career he spent some years in USA research labs in Austin Texas and Yorktown Heights NY.
- Since 1997 while in Italy he covered several roles with increasing managerial responsibilities around technology and innovation.
- 2019-2010 He spent 2 years in Dubai, creating first and leading after, the IBM CEEMEA emerging markets technical organization. The area included Russia, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa.
- Since 2011 he leads all the technical activities, he leads the technical activities in the fields for all the Italian clients.
- Since 2018, in his current role, he leads the newly created research lab, and innovation & technology activities in Italy.

Board of directors memberships

- ISSNAF (Italian Scientist and Scholars North America Foundation) representing all the Italian scientists based in USA
- AAIC Associazione Accademici Italiani In Cina, Distinguished Member.
- Italian Confindustria research board, including Italian companies Research directors.
- Milano Ricerche (including Milano universities & major industries based in the area),
- University Ca Foscari Venezia innovation board

Academic

- He got a Master degree in Electronic Engineering from Politecnico di Milano, and an International Executive Program degree from INSEAD in Paris & Singapore.
- He has been keynote speaker in several scientific and technology related events. He is author of several presentation material, papers and publications. He acted as a lecturer and contract professor in several Italian and international universities.

Personal

- Married with 2 daughters.
- He loves multicultural environment, extensive business and personal travels, He speaks fluently Italian and English, he has good working knowledge of French and German and basic knowledge of Spanish and Arabic.
- Internationally rated chess player, he also loves cycling and walking during weekends.