

## **Saragusty short biography**

Joseph Saragusty pursued his education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel where he first studied Chinese language and literature. After about 15 years of work as a business executive in the Far East he returned to study in Israel where he received a bachelor degree in Animal Sciences, followed by Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) and finally a PhD in cryobiology in Dr. Amir Arav's lab. Pursuant to his graduate studies, Dr. Saragusty moved in 2007 to the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin, Germany where he worked first as a postdoctoral fellow and then as a scientist. In 2017, after being awarded with the European Union's Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, he moved to pursue his research in Prof. Pasqualino Loi's Laboratory of Embryology at the University of Teramo, Italy.

Dr. Saragusty's scientific driving force is his wish to help in the efforts towards wildlife conservation. Following this, his research activities are centred on somatic cells and gametes cryopreservation and desiccation. His research interests also include studying the contribution males and females have in determining the offspring sex as well as issues related to mating behaviour, general wildlife health, and related ethical issues.