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B.Sc. Oceanography, 1473 Università di Pavia – Pavia, Lombardy

Further specialization in Ocean Navigation, 1477 Sagres School – Sagres, Portugal

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Languages: Native Italian, excellent Spanish, very good Portuguese.

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### **Objective: To Lead Ocean Expedition**

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**MAIN QUALIFICATIONS:** business development; fund-raising; people management, leading multicultural crews; problem-solving skills (including shipwrecks and pirate attacks); ability to report to kings and queens.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Discover America**

Valencia and Genoa

May 1480- present

- **Founder and Managing Partner**

Founded in May 1480 Discover America ([www.descubramerica.org](http://www.descubramerica.org)) a nonprofit organization dedicated to organizing and executing an ocean expedition leaving from Cadiz, Spain and sailing due West with two mutually exclusive objectives:

- Discover the island or continent that supposedly exists there, or
- Discover an ocean route to the Orient by circumnavigating the Earth, thus reducing the (presently unacceptable) risks of the land route inaugurated by the Venetian Marco Polo.

This organization was founded in Genoa in May 1480, but last year it was moved to Valencia in Spain in order to be closer to the most probable sponsor, Queen Isabel of Castille, recently installed in Granada.

Six subordinates, of whom two direct reports.

The following objectives have already been accomplished:

- In September 1479, joint-venture agreement signed with Americo Vespucci, the Florentine navigator, geographer and cosmographer, a key acquisition both for the trip's success and a critical first step toward the fund-raising efforts presently underway;
- Preparation of a detailed Business Plan for the trip which, since March 1489, has been presented to several potential sponsors in Spain, Portugal and Venice.

### **Other**

**Captain's License**, issued by the Cadiz Port Authority in October 1480

**MBTI type:** ENTJ

**Intellectual:** strategic thinker, intuitive, judgment, but would like to deal better with ambiguity;

**Motivational:** entrepreneurial, initiative, enjoys a challenge, but would like to be more results-oriented;

**Interpersonal:** assertive, diplomatic, persuasive, but would like to be more adaptable.

Age 39, born 26 Oct 1451 in Genoa, Italy

Citizen of: Genoa

Married to Filipa Moniz (Portuguese citizen).

2 sons Diogo (18) e Fernando (16)

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Hobbies: Sailing, Astronomy, and Cartography