Domenico Avolio

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 2006 – Present

Haiku RP (Public Relations Agency), Milan Founder and Owner

Director and spokesperson of the Champagne Bureau for Italy (since 2003)

Haiku RP is a Milan-based and an independent public relations agency I found in 2006.

The Champagne Bureau for Italy, based in Haiku RP agency, is the official representative in Italy of CIVC (Comité Interprofesionnel du Vin de Champagne) which groups together all the wine-growers and *Maisons* from Champagne.

As Director of operations in Italy, my position involves:

- acting as spokesman for the Italian market
- the direct managing of contacts with the press, operators in the winegrowing/producing sector, consumers and educators (who educate on the Champagne denomination), institutions
- monitoring any infringements in use of the Champagne name
- preparing and implementing the annual communication plan for Italy: press office, organising events (tasting sessions and Champagne Days)
- management of the annual budget.

November 2003 – April 2006 Noesis Comunicazione, Milan Strategic Development Director

For the Director of the Champagne Bureau please see the details above.

For the Strategic Development Director role, my position included: the acquiring of customers in new market areas (in both public and private sectors), giving support to the President in new business strategies, and developing integrated communication plans.

October 2002 - October 2003

Noesis Comunicazione (40 employees) - Account Director Corporate Division Work involved: preparing institutional communication projects for international customers, creating new business, crisis management, handling of public affairs programmes, trainer in corporate communication courses.

<u>Main customers/projects</u>: in charge of the integration plan for Italy and the crisis management plan in acquiring Pfizer/Pharmacia; institutional and crisis communication for Kimberly-Clark (mass market products), management of relations with the press for the Italian branch of Commerzbank Securities, and pubic communication plan for the Municipality of San Giuliano Milanese.

January 2001 - October 2002

Noesis Comunicazione - Account Manager Corporate Division

<u>Work involved</u>: management of key international customers, press office, lobbying and public affairs

<u>Main customers</u>: Pfizer Italia (pharmaceuticals), Royal Insurance (vehicle insurance), MetaSystem (electronics), Prumerica Financial (life insurance), Right Management (outplacement services)

January 1998 – December 2000

Studio Giorgio Vizioli & Associati, Milan – Account Manager

Work involved: press officer, copywriter, events manager

<u>Main customers</u>: MOMI ModaMilano, Fichet-Bauche Group (security), CIVC (Champagne producers)

January - September 1997

Novice actor at the Teatro Tascabile theatre in Bergamo

January - June 1997

Teatro del Sole, Milan - Consultant

Management of institutional relations with AGIS (Italian entertainment association) and Quarta Area (Association of drama companies for children)

1991 – 1996 (main activities)

Europe Conservation Italia environmental association, Milan – press officer (Community service)

Institutional press office, fund-raising campaigns, support for coordinating scientific research activities, management of 'eco-voluntary' work projects in Italy and abroad

McDonald's Italia - Milan

Kitchen staff

EDUCATION 2000

Milan University

Degree in Humanities (specialised in History): graded 104/110

Title of thesis: La corporazione dei librai e degli stampatori di Milano (1589-1734) (The quild of booksellers and printers in Milan)

1988

Technical Commercial School "Leonardo Da Vinci" - Cologno M. (Milan)

Diploma in accounting and business studies (graded 60/60)

OTHER (2002-2003) FSE Course "Comunicazione nella comunicazione" (Communication

EDUCATION within communication)

Training hours: 172

LANGUAGES Italian – mother tongue

English – fluent, written and spoken **French** – fluent, written and spoken

IT KNOWLEDGE Excellent knowledge of MS Office: Word, Power Point, Excel, Publisher, Internet

Explorer, Outlook

Social media: professional user of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

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Domenico Avolio SUMMARY OF SKILLS

Corporate Communication

- Defining communication strategies
- Preparing the communication plan
- Managing press contacts
- Managing the press office
- Supervising, monitoring, reporting, analysis of results
- Social media planning

Lobbying and Public Affairs

- Scenario analysis and defining of strategies
- Managing relations with institutional contacts
- Mapping of influencers
- Monitoring laws
- Research and preparing of support documents (lobby notes, biographic profiles, briefing documents, etc.)

Internal communication

- Defining the communication strategies
- Preparing the internal communication plan
- Preparing copy for corporate press statements
- Events

Crisis communication

- Scenario analysis
- Preparing crisis plan
- Setting out the crisis procedures
- Management of crisis communication
- Preparation of the briefing documents and Q&A

Media training

- Ascertaining training needs and planning of training
- Preparing scenarios and exercises
- Coach in corporate media training courses

Publications/Reasearch/Writing

- Corporate/institutional reports
- Newsletters and corporate press statements
- Manuals
- Speeches and presentations

Events

- Creation and planning
- Supervision, organisation and coordination
- Managing communications
- Supervising organising secretariat