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He moved to the Politecnico di Torino in 1986 as professor, and became the Chair of Solid and Structural Mechanics, and the Director of the Fracture Mechanics Laboratory. During this period, he has held different positions of responsibility, among which: Head of the Department of Structural Engineering (1989-1995), and Founding Director of the Post-graduate School of Structural Engineering (1990-2014).

Prof. Carpinteri was a Visiting Scientist at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, USA (1982-1983), and was appointed as a Fellow of several Academies and Professional Societies, among which: the European Academy of Sciences (2009-), the International Academy of Engineering (2010-), the Turin Academy of Sciences (2005-), the American Society of Civil Engineers (1996-).

Prof. Carpinteri was the President of different Scientific Associations and Research Institutions: the International Congress on Fracture, ICF (2009-2013), the European Structural Integrity Society, ESIS (2002-2006), the International Association of Fracture Mechanics for Concrete and Concrete Structures, IA-FraMCoS (2004-2007), the Italian Group of Fracture, IGF (1998-2005), the National Research Institute of Metrology, INRIM (2011-2013).

Prof. Carpinteri was appointed as a Member of the Congress Committee of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, IUTAM (2004-2012), a Member of the Executive Board of the Society for Experimental Mechanics, SEM (2012-2014), a Member of the Editorial Board of thirteen international journals, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal “Meccanica” (Springer, IF=1.949), and is the author or editor of over 850 publications, of which more than 350 are papers in refereed international journals (Scopus h-Index=41, more than 6200 citations) and 52 are books or special journal issues.

Prof. Carpinteri received numerous Honours and Awards: the Robert L'Hermite Medal from RILEM (1982), the Griffith Medal from ESIS (2008), the Swedlow Memorial Lecture Award from ASTM (2011), and the Inaugural Paul Paris Gold Medal from ICF (2013), among others.

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