

Ignazio B Visco



Ignazio Visco was born in 1949. After receiving a degree in Economics from 'La Sapienza' University of Rome, he obtained an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania (USA).

He received the Leontief Award for Best Dissertation in Quantitative Economics (Eastern Economic Association, 1982) and the 'Best in Class' prize from 'La Sapienza' University of Rome (2006). He was given the title of 'Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica italiana' in 2011. He has also authored numerous publications.

He began his career at Banca d'Italia in 1972 and was appointed Head of the Research Department in 1990. From 1997 to 2002 he was Chief Economist and Director of the Economics Department of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Upon his return to the Bank, he was appointed Central Manager for International Affairs in 2004 and Central Manager for Economic Research in March 2006.

In 2007 he became a member of the Bank's Governing Board as Deputy Director General, until October 2011.

He was appointed Governor of Banca d'Italia in November 2011, heading the Bank until October 2023. On 28 November of the same year, the Board of Directors of Banca d'Italia appointed him as Governor Emeritus.