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Dario Piombino-Mascali is a biological anthropologist focusing on ancient human mummies. He created and heads the "Sicily Mummy Project" aimed at investigating the human corpses held in his native island. He studied hundreds of mummies from several crypts and churches, including bodies of saints and catholic relics, and historic figures of the nobility such as members of the Medici family.

Additionally, he was involved in the study of the famous Iceman, of the mysterious bog bodies of Northern Europe, of the fire mummies of the Philippines, and of several Egyptian mummies. He is also interested in ethics applied to human remains. Dario serves as a scientific curator of the Capuchin Catacombs of Palermo and as a co-director of the Mummy Studies Field School. A National Geographic explorer, he is a frequent guest of pertinent TV programs. He has lectured in several universities including Edinburgh, Messina, and Tartu.