



Emanuele Lepri was born and raised in Florence Italy, where he completed his PhD studies in International Relations.

He has acquired extensive managerial experience in different positions; working in various capacities for Museums, Opera Productions and Theatre Festivals in Italy and Europe. His academic pursuit took him to study at the University of Kanazawa in Japan, where he focused on Japanese Modern History.

Upon his return to Europe and after completing of his PhD, Emanuele worked as project manager for UNESCO on a number of initiatives in the area of heritage preservation and training for museum professionals in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Emanuele was appointed Director of the Textile Museum of Prato in 1997 and maintained the position until 2004. During his time there, his focus was on fundraising and managing the Museum's extensive move to its permanent location. In 2004 he moved to Toronto to become the Director of the Bata Shoe Museum. He is currently a member of Council of the Ontario Museum Association where he holds the role of Treasurer.