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She was born (26/02/1965) in Siracusa, Italy. She has a Master's degree in Agricultural Science with final mark 110/110 (magna cum laude) in 1988 at University of Catania and for her thesis graduation she was awarded the prize IRFIS (Regional Institute for the Financing of Industries in Sicily). She performed several internships study and research activities at Italian and foreign laboratories (in particular from March to November 1991 at International Potato Center, Lima - Peru'). From 1994 at present is Researcher at National Research Council Italy(CNR), and currently operates at Tree and Timber Institute (IVALSA), section of Catania. She was contract professor in "Agronomy and Environment" from 2004 to 2011, at University of Catania, Italy.

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