

Raffaella Finocchiaro

Raffaella Finocchiaro has a Master degree in Agricultural Science at the University of Palermo, where she undertook research in Animal Breeding and Genetics. In 1998 she started her PhD project in Animal Breeding and Genetics, at the University of Milan. During her PhD, she focused her interest in genomics applied to small ruminants. She did a sabbatical at the Animal Breeding and Genetics Group at the University of Wageningen (The Netherlands). After her PhD she moved to the University of Palermo for a post doc position. During this period, she undertook a sabbatical at the University of Georgia (USA) to work on heat stress in dairy sheep. Since 2007 she is working in dairy cattle breeding at the Italian Holstein Breeders Association, where she is now head of the Research and Development Office since September 2021. Lately her interests moved towards feed intake and methane emission in dairy cattle; and she is part of the ICAR Feed & Gas working group.