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- Born in Padua, Italy, January 8, 1949; awarded degree in Classical Letters from the University of Florence 1973. Full Researcher since 1981, and Associate Professor, since 2000, at the University of Siena.
  - For many years she has given lectures and worked on thesis committees in the field of Human Paleontology (study of Pleistocene cultures), Paleoethnology (Holocene prehistoric cultures) and Anthropology.
  - She took part, also as tutor, in the research doctorate “Prehistory: environment and cultures” of the University of Siena from a. y. 2000 - 2001, and has been currently involved in the research doctorate “Sciences and Technologies for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage” of the University of Ferrara since a. y. 2006-2007.
  - She has taken part in about one hundred excavations, since 1976 as a director, mainly in the area between Scario and Sapri (Salerno). Currently she has in charge some fieldworks in Apulia, in sites of the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic (Oscurusciuto Shelter near Ginosa -TA, S. Croce Cave near Bisceglie - BT, Paglicci Cave in Gargano–FG).
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  - She has taken part in many congresses, both national and international, at times helping to organize them.
  - She has helped set up several museum exhibitions, all with instructional objectives.
  - She represents Italy in the International Union of the Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences, Commission 8 (Upper Palaeolithic of Eurasia).
  - She is member of the following associations: Istituto Italiano di Preistoria e Protostoria, Istituto Italiano di Paleontologia Umana, Associazione Antropologica Italiana.
- Main research interests concern:
- The Middle Palaeolithic in Southern Italy.
  - The transition from the Middle to the Upper Paleolithic in Italy.
  - The Upper Paleolithic.
  - Earliest Humans in Calabria.
  - Lithic technology of food production societies.