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## **EDUCATION**

2011 *Ph. D.* International Ph. D. in "Mediterranean Fruit Crops" at University of Palermo, Department of Agricultural and Forest Science, Italy. Thesis: "microbial ecology of the grape variety Grillo and selection of environmental strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*". 2007 B. Sc. graduation in "Food Sciences and Technology", obtaining of title of "Doctor in Food Science and Technology" received cum laude at University "Federico II" of Naples, Department of Food Science, Italy. Grade. 110/100 cum laude. Thesis: "isolation, technology and molecular characterisation of indigenous strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* from grape-biotype Aglianico Taurasi".

## **CURRENT POSITIONS**

2014 – 2016 *Researcher* on Food and Environmental Microbiology" at the Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences, University of Palermo, Italy.

2014 – 2016 *Contract Professor* in "Microbiological Control of Foods" at the Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences, University of Palermo, Italy.