



## Ilaria Capua

Virologist and veterinarian



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Ilaria Capua is a veterinarian by training, and has devoted most of her professional life to virology. She has obtained her qualifications in Italy, Perugia (DVM), Pisa (Post Graduate Specialisation) and Padova (PhD), and has trained in virology in several labs worldwide.

#### In detail

.After Italy's general elections on February 24 -25 Ilaria Capua became member of the Italian Parliament within Scelta Civica - Con Monti per l'Italia. Until then she was Director of the Division of Comparative Biomedical Sciences at the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie, Legnaro, (Padova) Italy and of the International Reference Laboratory for Animal influenza and of the OIE Collaborating Centre for Diseases at the Human-Animal Interface. Her group of over 70 staff provided - and still does - diagnostic expertise globally and conducts cutting edge research on influenza viruses and viral zoonoses, funded by the EC and other international organisations. In 2000 she developed the "DIVA" vaccination system for avian influenza, the first to successfully eradicate an influenza epidemic. In 2006 she ignited an international debate on sharing of genetic data across disciplines in the face of the H5N1 "birdflu" epidemic using web based platforms in an open access environment. This debate eventually led to policy changes at an international level on sharing of data for improved pre-pandemic preparedness. In 2007 she was among the winners of the Scientific American 50 award and in 2008 was included among Seed Magazine's "Revolutionary Minds", for leadership in science policy. She In 2011 she was the first woman recipient of the Penn Vet World Leadership Award, the most prestigious award in veterinary medicine. In 2012 she has been given the Gordon Memorial Medal in UK for her contribution to research; in 2013 she has been awarded from Italy's Accademia dei Lincei and in 2014 she received the Excellence Award from ESCMID, the European Society of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.

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#### Languages

She presents in Italian and English .

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