

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

PhD Students in Animal and Food Science

YEAR 2026

Arqus PhD Career Week 2026, Maynooth University (June 8–12), Ireland - Awarded a place in an interdisciplinary doctoral programme within the Arqus European University Alliance (funded mobility) – Recipient: **Rebecca El Hawat** (XL cycle)

YEAR 2025

Best oral presentation award (ASPA young researcher competition) 26° ASPA Congress (17-20 June)- Turin, Italy: “Terpene Transfer from Hemp (*Cannabis sativa L.*) and Savory (*Satureja hortensis L.*) to Milk of Dairy Cows Supplemented with Fresh Leaves - Recipient: **Rebecca El Hawat** (XL cycle)

Novus Award, 76th EAAP congress (25-29 August) - Innsbruck, Austria: “Associations Between Changes in Body Condition Score During the Transition Period and the Milk Fatty Acid Profile”- Recipient: **Rebecca El Hawat** (XL cycle)

YEAR 2024

World’s Poultry Science Association - Young Scientist Program, EPC Valencia 2024 - **Mattia Pravato** (XXXIX cycle), **Almudena Huerta** (XXXVII cycle), **Claudia Ciarelli** (XXXVII cycle)

World Rabbit Congress 2024, 2-4 October Tarragona - Best Oral Communication - **Clara Tolini** (XXXIX cycle)

Foundation Ing. Aldo Gini - Grant for abroad research stages addressed to Italian PhD students - recipient **Andrea Ceppatelli** (XXXVIII cycle)

YEAR 2023

Award Donato Matassino 2023 – Best PhD thesis in Animal Breeding and genetics - **Enrico Mancin** (XXXIV Cycle)

Foundation Ing. Aldo Gini - Grant for abroad research stages addressed to Italian PhD students - Recipients: **Selene Massaro** (XXXVII cycle)

Traning school to Norway Grant by European Cooperation In Science & Technology (E-COST): CA19145 (E-COST-GRANT-CA19145-55cfff69), 1500€, 2023, Cordoba, Spain - Recipients: **Xueping Yang** (XXXVI cycle)

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Grant by European Cooperation In Science & Technology (E-COST): CA19145 (E-COST-GRANT-CA19145-55cfff69), 2000€, 2023, Cordoba, Spain - Recipients: **Xueping Yang** (XXXVI cycle)

Best Poster Award SICA 2023, session ‘Soil contribution to ecosystems protection and food safety’ - Recipient: **Ilaria Battisti** (XXXVI cycle)

Best oral presentation award (ASPA young researcher competition) 25° ASPA Congress: “Transcriptomic and phenomic data integration to identify markers of subclinical mastitis in Holstein cattle - Recipient: **Vittoria Bisutti**

Best oral presentation award (ASPA young researcher competition) 25° ASPA Congress: “Mass Spectrometry-based characterization of the bovine milk peptidome upon *Streptococcus agalactiae* and *Prototheca* spp. infection” Recipient: **Alice Vanzin**

YEAR 2022

Editor’s Choice <https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/content/edchoice>:

Journal of Dairy Science “Milk metagenomics and cheese-making properties as affected by indoor farming and summer highland grazing”

[https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/article/S0022-0302\(22\)00669-5/fulltext](https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/article/S0022-0302(22)00669-5/fulltext) – **Giorgia Secchi** (XXXV cycle), **Nicolò Amalfitano**

World’s Poultry Science Association - Young Scientist Program, WPC Paris 2022 - **Almudena Huerta** (XXXVII cycle), **Giulio Pillan** (XXXV cycle)

Foundation Ing. Aldo Gini - Grant for abroad research stages addressed to Italian PhD students - Recipients: **Ilaria Battisti** (XXXVI cycle), **Matteo Santinello** (XXXVI cycle) , **Vania Vigolo** (XXXV cycle)

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Grant by European Cooperation In Science & Technology (E-COST): CA19145 (E-COST-GRANT-CA19145-ff3d2a38), 2000€, 2022, Cordoba, Spain - Recipients:**Xueping Yang** (XXXVI cycle)

YEAR 2021

Premio di studio anno 2021 finanziato da Banca “Patavina” dal titolo “La sostenibilità: strategia di tutela della biodiversità e difesa dal cambiamento climatico” per l’articolo *Effect of emersion time on growth, mortality and quality of Pacific oysters (Crassostrea gigas, Thunberg 1973) reared in a suspended system in a lagoon in Northern Italy. (2020) Aquaculture 528, 735481* **Francesco Bordignon** (XXXIV cycle), Cristina Zomeno, Gerolamo xiccato, Marco Birolo, Anton Pascual, Emanuele Rossetti, Angela Trocino

Best Poster Competition (second place). Conference “Medicinal, Aromatic and Edible Plants and their by-products: Utilization and valorization for a sustainable and circular economy”, Plovdiv (Bulgaria), 9-10 September 2021. *Rapeseed meal ethanol-wash powder as a source of bioactive compounds* - **Miluska Alexandra Cisneros Yupanqui**

Editor’s Choice <https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/content/edchoice>:

Journal of Dairy Science “Nonlinear modeling to describe the pattern of 15 milk protein and nonprotein compounds over lactation in dairy cows” – **Nicolò Amalfitano**

Award Donato Matassino 2021 – Best PhD thesis in Animal Science - **Angela Costa** (XXXII Cycle)

Best Poster Competition, ASPA 2021 – **Elena Boschi**

Best Oral Competition, ASPA 2021 – **Matteo Santinello**

Best Oral Competition, ASPA 2021 – **Isabella Lora (Ciclo 29)**

Best Oral Competition, Metagenomics Conference and Winter School San Servolo, Venice - Italy held on December 2021 Venice – **Isaac Malgwi**

Best Presentation Award in the Session "Livestock Systems". 29th International Symposium Animals Science Days (ASD2021) (Godollo, Ungheria, 15-17 september 2021): “Life cycle assessment of fish oil substitution

with vegetable oils in diets for *Seriola dumerili*". **Francesco Bordignon** (XXXIV cycle), Enrico Sturaro, Angela Trocino, Silvia Martinez-Llorens, Ana Tomas Vidal, Marco Berton

Best Presentation Award in the Session "Livestock Systems". 29th International Symposium Animals Science Days (ASD2021) – **Anton Pascual**

EAAP Scholarship for young researchers – 72 EAAP Congress 2021, Davos, Switzerland (30/08 – 03/09/2021) – **Francesco Bordignon**

YEAR 2020

Editor's Choice <https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/content/edchoice>:

Quantitative and qualitative detailed milk protein profiles of 6 cattle breeds: Sources of variation and contribution of protein genetic variants. **Nicolò Amalfitano** (XXXIII cycle), Giorgia Stocco, Alice Maurmayr, Sara Pegolo, Alessio Cecchinato, Giovanni Bittante (2020). Journal of Dairy Science Vol. 103, Issue 12, p11190–11208

Best Presentation Award in the Session "Livestock Systems". 28th International Symposium Animals Science Days (ASD2020) – "Future Perspectives in Animal Production" (Italy, 23-25 September 2020):

Farming largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) with lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) and radicchio (*Cichorium intybus*) in aquaponics: effects of stocking density on fish growth and quality, and vegetable production.

Francesco Bordignon (XXXIV cycle), Marco Birolo, Angela Trocino, Carmelo Maucieri, Carlo Nicoletto, Anton Pascual, Paolo Zanin, Paolo Sambo, Maurizio Borin, Gerolamo Xiccato.

American Meat Science Association (**AMSA**). 66th International Congress of Meat Science and Technology (**ICoMST**) and the 73rd Reciprocal Meat Conference (**RMC**), August 3-6, 2020: First Place Research Proposal Team: "Effect of consumption of oxidized meat on the gut microbiome: exploring the link between meat oxidation, eating quality, and health status". Certificate of Participation and Recognition to **Yazavinder Singh** (XXXIV cycle).

Student career recognition/appointment as "International Student Mentor for the college" (pro bono), **For English** Preparatory, BA and Post-graduate Courses; Founding Rector Tomori Pal College (Budapest, Hungary). **Isaac Malgwi** (XXXIV cycle), 21 July 2020 Budapest.

YEAR 2019

Editor's Choice <https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/content/edchoice>:

Nicolò Amalfitano (XXXIII cycle), Claudio Cipolat-Gotet, Alessio Cecchinato, Massimo Malacarne, Andrea Summer, Giovanni Bittante (2019). Milk protein fractions strongly affect the patterns of coagulation, curd firming, and syneresis. Journal of Dairy Science Vol. 102, Issue 4, p2903–2917.

Editor's Choice <https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/content/edchoice>:

Giorgia Stocco (XXIX cycle), A. Summer, M. Malacarne, A. Cecchinato, G. Bittante (2019). Detailed macro- and micromineral profile of milk: Effects of herd productivity, parity, and stage of lactation of cows of 6 dairy and dual-purpose breeds. *Journal of Dairy Science* Vol. 102, Issue 11, p9727–9739.

YEAR 2018

Editor's Choice <https://www.journalofdairyscience.org/content/edchoice>:

Hugo Toledo-Alvarado (XXIX cycle), Ana I. Vazquez, Gustavo de los Campos, Robert J. Tempelman, Gianfranco Gabai, Alessio Cecchinato, Giovanni Bittante (2020). Changes in milk characteristics and fatty acid profile during the estrous cycle in dairy cows. *Journal of Dairy Science* Vol. 101, Issue 10, p9135–9153.

YEAR 2017

Special Prize BENUOM (10.000 euro):

Paper "Tecnologia genomica per lo studio della nutrizione della barbabietola da zucchero" to **Claudia Chiodi** (XXXIII cycle) and **Chiara Broccanello** (XXVIII cycle). Fondazione Ambrosetti (MI), premio per Progetti innovativi collegati alla filiera agricola e alla nutrizione rivolto a giovani studenti, ricercatori e imprenditori italiani (2017).

Prize "Donato Matassino" 2017 - Best PhD thesis in Animal Science:

"From milk to cheese: genomic background, biological pathways and latent phenotypes of bovine cheese-related traits" **Christian Dadousis** (XXIX cycle).