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Gioia Capelli graduated in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Bologna (Italy) and obtained a PhD in Parasitology and parasitic diseases at the University of Bari (Italy). Following research fellowships at the IZSve and at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Padua University, she obtained a Diploma from the European Veterinary Parasitology College (EVPC), thus becoming a de facto member.

She was Associate Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Padua, before becoming the Head of the Parasitology and Ecopathology Laboratory at the IZSve in 2004, where she is also head of the national reference Centre for diseases at the animal/human interface.

Gioia Capelli's research interests include epidemiology of parasitic diseases with particular emphasis on statistical methods applied to parasitological data, diagnosis of parasitic zoonosis in animals & food and vectors & vector-borne pathogens ecology in north-eastern Italy, focusing on ticks (*Anaplasma*, Lyme borreliosis, TBE virus), fleas (*Rickettsia felis*), mosquitoes (West Nile virus and other Flaviviridae, filariae), sandflies (*Leishmania*).