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After graduating in Food Science and Technology and obtaining the PhD in Food Technology in 2003 at the University of Udine (Italy), Sonia Calligaris went on her post-doctoral research activity at the Department of Food Science of the University of Udine, where she became assistant professor in Food Technology in 2010.

From 2018 Sonia Calligaris is Associate Professor of Food Technology (SSD AGR/15) at the Department of Agriculture, Food, Environmental and Animal Sciences of the University of Udine (Italy). In 2021 she obtained the national habilitation for full professor.

Her research activity is mainly focused on chemical and physical factors affecting food functionality and stability. The main research topics are: a) food structure design; b); strategy for oil gelation c) development of delivery systems for bioactive compounds; d) development of shelf-life predictive models; e) study of the role of processing and storage conditions on food stability.

She is co-author of over 135 scientific papers published in peer reviewed International Journals (h index 39) and more than 10 chapters in scientific books dealing with Food Science. From 2021 she is Editor in Chief of the Food Structure Journal (Elsevier). She has lectured at a number of national and international symposia, conferences, workshops, and holds two patents.

She is currently involved in the following funded project.

Project title	Funding body	Duration	Involvement of S. Calligaris
Valorization of olive stone by-product as a green source of innovative and healthy value-added products in the context of the circular bioeconomy and sustainability (Valostones)	EU-Prima	2023-2026	Italian PI
Technological and economic potential of the active packaging obtained by supercritical techniques for the preservation of Mediterranean fresh food (Im-Pack)	EU-Prima	2023-2026	Participant
Innovative ingredients and new processes for a sustainable food system.	Italian government	2023-2025	Participant
Functionalization of Mediterranean foods able to answer to specific nutritional needs of defined consumers categories.	Italian government	2023-2025	Participant
Fighting the waste of foods undergoing oxidation through the development of a scientific-based approach for date marking (FoodLife)	Italian government	2023-2025	Participant

List of some recent publications (2020-2024)

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