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Bird Flu Scientist Allegedly Under Investigation

A story in Italian magazine *l'Espresso* published on 4 April claims that Italian prosecutors are investigating whether former avian influenza scientist **Ilaria Capua**, now a member of the Italian Parliament, trafficked in flu viruses and created a cartel to boost sales of a technology called



Capua

DIVA, which she helped develop while head of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSVe) in Legnaro.

During her leadership at IZSVe, which ended with her election to the Chamber of Deputies in 2013, Capua became known for helping quash major bird flu outbreaks and starting a global campaign to allow scientists more access to genetic information from bird flu strains (*Science*, 10 November 2006, p. 918).

The office of the Italian prosecutor could not confirm to *Science* that an investigation is taking place. Capua denies any wrongdoing and says the *l'Espresso* article is riddled with errors. “This is a pile of rubbish,” says Capua, adding that she has filed a defamation suit against the magazine. She says she doesn’t know whether the inquiry or the story might be politically motivated.

<http://scim.ag/Capuaflu>