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Aida Lazzez is a PhD professor and permanent researcher at the laboratory, Genetic Resource of the Olive Tree: Characterization, Valuation and Health Protection in Olive Tree Institute, Sfax, Tunisia, since 2005. Her research aims to improve the quality of olive oil through the study of factors such as the maturation process, olive varieties, Extraction Systems and Procedures, Geographical Sites and Pedo-Climatic factors. In recent years she has focused on developing olive oil authentication techniques through biomarkers and olive oil "fingerprints". She is the principal author and co-author of many scientific papers and has participated in several national and international scientific conferences.

She is an expert in the olive oil field and she had her expertise in olive oil tasting since 2009 through the University of Jaén and Olive Oil Council in Spain and she is Jury Member in the panel of some International Competitions; in Greece, Japan, Italy and Turkey.

She is a founder and permanent member of the Scientific Days on the sidelines of the Med Mag Oliva Salon in Tunisia where she is in charge for developing several programs including a course on olive oil sensory analysis. She is responsible for the development of training programs conducted by the company Med Com Training and the presentation of training sessions for olive oil sensory analysis.