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I am Dr Federica Barilaro, Ph.D in Earth Sciences (3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2013) at Milan University, with a special focus on non-marine carbonates. The main topic of my Ph.D research was the definition of geometries, depositional environments, abiotic versus biotic fabric types, diagenesis and reservoir properties of Pleistocene and modern hydrothermal travertines as a guide to the South Atlantic reservoirs. My fieldwork activities in Tuscany (Italy), Germany, U.S.A., together with the attendance to many meetings and the summer internship at the Statoil Research Centre Bergen (Norway) have definitely been the positive note of my Ph.D hard times... but surprises never cease! In 2014, I held a Post-Doc position at the Geomicrobiology group of ETH of Zurich. Actually, I am conducting my scientific research particularly on the processes that lead the precipitation of hydrothermal travertines, calcareous tufa and lacustrine carbonates, eating Swiss Chocolate, fondue and great Brazilian dishes with nice people.

Last but not least: in 2013, I have been officially awarded as “The Queen of Continental Carbonates” from colleagues and friends. So, beware of imitations and feel free to contact me.

