

Anna Prouse, Team Leader **Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team**

Born in Milan, Italy, Anna Prouse graduated from the German School and earned her PhD in Political Science at Milan State University. Originally a foreign correspondent for the major Italian newspaper 'La Repubblica' in the Middle East and North Africa, she has lived in Iran, Yemen, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.



Prouse came to Iraq in June 2003 on behalf of the International Red Cross to set up a field hospital in Baghdad and then became the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Health (2003 – 2006), adding the additional duty of advising the Ministry of Displacement and Migration.

Her book "Two Birthdays in Baghdad" is in its third reprint in Italy and was published in the U.S. in 2005. Fluent in four languages, she has led the PRT in Dhi Qar Province since September 2006.

On March 7, 2009, Prouse was awarded the "Cavaliere al Merito della Repubblica Italiana" by Italy's Head of State. This is the highest award the Italian Government gives to both Italian or foreign citizens.