Enrico Vigliani Prize awarded to Silvia Ranzieri

For 2021, the award named after Enrico Carlo Vigliani – Editor-in-Chief of this journal from 1943 to 1980 – went to Silvia Ranzieri for her paper Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and Occupational Risk Factors (Med Lav 2019; 110(6): 407-36).



In the editorial opening volume 36, released after the end of the Second World War, professor Vigliani wrote: "The journal's first issue of 1945, which was already composed months ago, comes to light after the liberation of our homeland, in a new climate of democracy and demands of social justice. La Medicina del Lavoro, which for 35 years has been advocating the need for complete medical assistance to workers and for prevention of accidents and occupational diseases, for compulsory insurance extended to all occupational diseases, for radical improvements in the hygienic conditions of many dangerous industries and greater well-being and job security for all workers, can now freely affirm what an obstacle the fascist regime was to implement such a programme." These words represent a real moral legacy, together with the following concluding remark: "Having contributed to humanise work, to avoid an accident, an illness or intoxication, having been able to prepare a serene old age for the worker for us will be a profound reason for pride, and the most beautiful and appreciated reward of our endeavours". Such a wish accompanied the award given to Silvia and was extended to all the participants attending the opening ceremony of the 83rd Italian Congress on Occupational Health held in Parma from 15th to 17th September 2021.