Marcello Imbriani (1951 - 2022)



It is with great sadness that we announce that Professor Marcello Imbriani passed away at the age of 70. He was full Professor of Occupational Medicine at the University of Pavia and one of the best known and most respected Italian scholars of Occupational Medicine, author of over 350 publications including experimental works, books and publications for educational use.

Imbriani worked as a clinician and researcher at the University of Pavia and at the Maugeri Institute.

His attention has focused above all on risk factors in living and working environments, culminating in the development and standardization of instrumental and laboratory methods and their application in the assessment of occupational risks, especially for the respiratory system and in research on cardio-respiratory and metabolic adaptations to muscular exercise in the normal subject, in the athlete, in various pathological situations. Formerly full professor of Occupational Medicine at the University of Pavia, he has linked his entire professional career to the University of Pavia and to the Maugeri Clinical Institutes, dedicating himself with passion to patient care and teaching with students.

In his long career, he served as Scientific Director of the S. Maugeri Foundation for about a decade. He also served as Director of the Section of Occupational Medicine "S. Maugeri"- Department of Public Health, Experimental and Forensic Medicine, University of Pavia, as President of the three-year degree course in Health Professions of Rehabilitation of the University of Pavia, and Director of the Degree Course in Occupational Therapy. He was also Director of the Research Centre in Physiopathology and Occupational Safety of the University of Pavia, and Director Service of Respiratory Pathophysiology and Ergonomics along with the Hospital Operating Unit of Occupational Medicine (UOOML Lombardy Region) activated at the Scientific Institute of Pavia of the S. Maugeri Foundation. Director of the Department of Occupational Medicine, Ergonomics and Disability of the S. Maugeri Foundation, IRCCS, Pavia.

Imbriani devoted himself with passion to the Italian Journal of Occupational Medicine and Ergonomics - GIMLE. In decades of service, he has been Secretary, Associate Editor, and – over the last 20 years – Editor-in-Chief, establishing good relationships and cooperation with our La Medicina del Lavoro, when the latter became the official journal of the Italian Society of Occupational Medicine (SIML).

We remember Marcello with gratitude for what he has given to the discipline, particularly as one of the founders of the Consortium established between SIML and the Maugeri Foundation to publish the first series of Guidelines for updating and qualifying the occupational physicians belonging to SIML, of which he was also among the Editors. As Editor-in-Chief, he collaborated with many Guest Editors to publish the proceedings of the Society's annual congresses.

We express our sincere condolences and sympathy to the beloved wife Marialuisa, and his daughters Chiara and Paola.

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