

# Memorial pages

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## In memory of Prof. Marco Apperti

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*Figure 1 - Prof. Marco Apperti*

Prof. Marco Apperti passed away in the evening of Mar 8 2018, while visiting his daughter, leaving his beloved family and his friends and colleagues.

Marco Apperti was born in Maddaloni (Italy) on Aug 31, 1947.

After the high school diploma at the Giordano Bruno High School of Maddaloni, he enrolled at the Faculty of

Medicine and Surgery at the University of Naples Federico II, graduating in 1974 and earning at the same University the specialization degree in Vascular Surgery in 1977 and then in General and Emergency Surgery at the Second University of Naples (SUN).

He was Professor of General Surgery at the department of Medicine and Surgery of the SUN, in the Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery in Caserta, and Professor of Surgical Semeiotics at the School of Specialization in General and Emergency Surgery of the SUN until 2011.

In his career as a lecturer and researcher, he always showed a great passion for venous and lymphatic diseases and for the treatment of ulcerative lesions, teaching Phlebology at Advanced Courses, Masters and Research Doctorates not only at Campania Universities, but also at University of Perugia and University of Camerino.

The passion for phlebology made Prof. Apperti one of the pillars of the Italian Society of Phlebology, one of the oldest and most representative Italian Phlebology scientific societies, of which he was President in the biennium 2014-15, Past-President in the 2016-17 and currently a member of the Executive Board.

His passion for teaching led him to create the Italian School of Phlebology, which he was Director of, with the aim of providing an adequate training-professional curriculum to those who, young and old, decided to devote themselves to the treatment of veins and lymphatics.

With his studies and his researches, he developed phlebology both in the diagnostics, with the transillumination of the superficial venous system, but also in the therapeutic field, with his studies about hemodynamics of telangiectasiae and the treatment of lower legs ulcers.

Among his prestigious professional positions we would like to remind his scientific direction of CoRe Med Phlebology and his membership to the Scientific Board of the Inter-University Research and Education Center in Phlebology of the University of Perugia and to the Board of the international scientific journal “Annali Italiani di Chirurgia”, directed by prof. Nicola Picardi.

Prof. Apperti combined his competences of teacher, researcher and scientist with uncommon human and cultural gifts, cultivating a sincere friendship with his colleagues

and behaving in every occasion with elegance, which was inherent to him.

With his demise, the world of phlebology and the scientific community lose one of their pillars, but his human and scientific teaching will continue to live among his many students and among the many friends in the SIF and in the academic world; in this way they want to remember him, a gentleman who practiced medical arts with passion, in the constant search for “Why”, quality that distinguishes the simple teacher from the scientist and researcher, who not only knows, but knows how to do, knows how to teach and keeps his mind continuously looking for “why” and as of natural phenomena.

Goodbye, Prof. Apperti, YOU do not leave a gap in the Italian Society of Phlebology, because your many

friends who guide it today, will always ask, in the moments of difficult choices, as rightly said our common friend Antonio Sellitti, “Marco, in this situation, what would you do?”

Goodbye, Marco, from all of your friends!

Gennaro Quarto  
SIF President

Antonio Sellitti  
SIF Treasurer

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Italian Society of Phlebology (SIF)

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## In memory of Prof. Dino De Anna

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Figure 1 - Prof. Dino De Anna

How can I try to tell about the life of Dino?

It's not easy to express the sense of pain, anger, grief, and void which feels right now someone who owes Him a lot, not to mention everything?

How not to be overwhelmed by emotions and give readers a clear and honest image of Dino De Anna?

With this emotional turmoil I'm about to tell who He was and what Dino De Anna did for Italian and international phlebology.

Born in Cordenons, Pordenone, 72 years ago, He graduates from School of Medicine at University of Ferrara, thus he continues to cultivate his passion for rugby, who plays at the highest level, both with Petrarca Padova and Sanson Rovigo, winning two major series, in 1976 and 1977.

As a young resident he meets Mirella, Prof. Donini's trusty secretary, who will become his wife.

The Master, keen of the physical prowess of the young rugby player and knowing him interested in surgery, after a quick interrogatory, typical of his style, offers Him to become a scholar at Department of Surgery at University of Ferrara.

And so begins the university career of Dino De Anna.

In that years he completes the fellowship in general surgery, pediatric surgery and vascular surgery.

Always been passionate of venous and lymphatic pathology, picks up and widens the knowledges of his Masters in this specific field. We owe to Him the intuition to approach phlebology to aesthetical medicine, thanks to the relationship of affection and respect that was born