

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!

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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

between our School and Carlo Alberto Bartoletti, pioneer of aesthetical medicine in Italy.

Under the push of our Teacher, Prof. Donini, in November 1986 He founded in Ferrara the Italian Society of Phlebology, becoming then its President from 2000 to the 2003.

He also makes himself mediator in the process of approach of the greatest Italian Phlebologic Societies, that will culminate with the birth of the Italian College of Phlebology (CIF) in July of 1996.

The international conferences of phlebology he wanted and organized in the second halves of the eighties are still remembered and they saw the presence of the gotha of the world of phlebology from Stemmer to Van der Stricht, from Simkin to Altman Canestri, from Cockett to Hobbs, from Partsch to Ouvry.

He has directed later the institute of Surgical Pathology at the University of Sassari in the half of nineties and the Institute of General Surgery at the University of Udine a few years later.

Eclectic and dynamic man as He was, He alternated the university career to politics, covering the position of Senator of the Italian Republic from 1996 to 2001.

In phlebology his studies are remembered on the the surgical therapy of the venous ulcer and the external valvuloplasty of the saphenous - femoral junction.

Mention should also be made of his numerous scientific contributions in diagnosis and treatment of lymphoedema. President of Honor of the Italian College of Phlebology from 2011.

He left us on last March 29. I am certain that these few lines don't describe in an exhaustive way the personality and the sensibility of a Man that in every circumstance has always shown his honesty and good sense.

We remember his clear and direct speech. Of the so many memories that I will bring with me inside, self-mockery and modesty are certainly the most characterizing notes of the strong personality of Dino.

Who has had the fortune as me, to know Him and to frequent Him, will have of Him a strong and indelible memory of Man and Teacher.

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