

# Memorial pages

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## In Memory of Giovanni Battista Agus

A great Professional, a great Sportsman

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Born December 16, 1943 (Ales – Cagliari). Died August 31, 2023 Cagliari

We want to remember the figure of our great friend Prof. Giovanni Battista Agus (GB for friends).

After graduating from Gymnasium Siotto Pinto in Cagliari, he graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Cagliari (December 11, 1969). Specializations in Vascular Surgery and Angiology, General Surgery and Cardio Angio Surgery at the University of Milan. He began his career on January 6, 1970 at the department of Prof. Malan in Milan. University Chair in Pavia and then return to Milan (Vascular Surgery and Angiology, Prof. Agrifoglio). Professional skills in Phlebology and Lymphology. Author of over 480 scientific papers and 14 monographic works, all related to vascular surgery and angiology. Clinical and surgical activity in all areas of vascular,



*Portrait of Giovanni Battista Agus*

arterial, venous, lymphatic and aesthetic pathologies. Member of numerous Italian and International Scientific Societies (SIFL, SICVE, CIF, SIAPAV, UIP, SICADS, AIUC, AMPIS). Vice President of SIAPAV, President of SIFL, AMPIS and IAPEM.

Passionate connoisseur of Music and expert in Art and History. Great sportsman, marathon runner, passionate mountain climber in Europe, Africa, Asia (Nepal – Anapurna) and Latin America. His last, great ascent, at the age of 75 to Chimborazo, the highest peak of Ecuador (6200 m). His idol was Jacques Oudot, French surgeon and climber, one of the protagonists of the first ascent to the



8000 m of Anapurna without the use of oxygen cylinders (1950).

For us, friends of the Italian Flebo Club, it was a very serious loss. His death is unfortunately added to those of Ovidio Marangoni, Mihael Georgiev, Giommaria Marongiu and Leonardo Corcos. GB Agus was in fact one of the most active animators and coordinators of the activity of this small group of colleagues and friends who use to meet in a convivial environment to discuss, among themselves, about topics of Phlebology and Lymphology outside Scientific Congress venues. Only in these forums can ideas and experiences, still not worthy of publication, be exchanged because they are not yet supported by reliable scientific evidence but which constitute the basis for future developments. The exchange of opinions and points of view between experts in the field of different backgrounds is, in our opinion, the best training ground for ideas.

Many initiatives were born from the meetings of the Italian Flebo Club, the last of which led to the realization of the work, started but not completed by Giommaria Marongiu, "Vascular Origins" on the history of vascular medicine and surgery from prehistory to present days.

GB Agus coordinated our work, divided by centuries, taking care of the fundamental aspects: from the dedications to the introduction, to the links and additions between the various chapters, to the final chapter (2000-2010 year of the death of Giommaria Marongiu), and to final reflections. Even the whole process of editorial realization, the insertion of the splendid artistic tables out of text is due to his culture and dedication with which he faced this last great effort.

Our condolences are also joined by all those who knew and esteemed him and in particular by Marco Bresadola, Alessio M. Cosacco, Alberto Macciò, Sabrina Scian and Francesco Marongiu who actively contributed to the realization of "Vascular Origins". Heartfelt condolences also from the members of the AFI with whom he has always collaborated with his great availability and courtesy.

A big hug to all his loved ones

The friends of the Italian Flebo Club: Alessandro Pieri, Massimo Cappelli, Stefano Ricci, Lorenzo Tessari, Paolo Zamboni and Francesco Zini.

Also in the holy memory of our deceased friends: Leonardo Corcos, Mihael Georgiev, Ovidio Marangoni and Giommaria Marongiu



*Rock climbing*



*Mountains*