

In memory of Silvano Adami

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On March 26, 2016, Professor Silvano Adami passed away after a long battle with cancer that he courageously fought until the very last days, without ever losing his lifelong interest in science and his commitment to the work of his team.

Curiosity and scientific passion pushed him to develop an interest in metabolic bone diseases when they were not yet considered important clinical entities. He developed an outstanding experience in bone research and bone pharmacology and became a nationally and internationally recognized authority in the field of primary and secondary osteoporoses and other bone diseases, from Paget's disease to hyperparathyroidism. He actively organized, or collaborated in, many national and international trials.

He had graduated cum laude in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Verona in 1972, then qualified in Internal Medicine in 1977 and in Endocrinology and Metabolism in

1978 at the University of Padua. From 1979 to 1981, he was Research Fellow at the Department of Medicine of Middlesex Hospital in London under the supervision of Professor J.L.H. O'Riordan. He then became full professor of Rheumatology at the University of Verona and, since 2005, Director of the Rheumatology Unit at the Hospital of Valeggio sul Mincio, Verona, a nationally recognized Center for the diagnosis and management of osteoporosis, osteogenesis imperfecta, and metabolic bone diseases. In 2015, the Unit moved to the University Hospital of Borgo Roma in Verona.

Silvano Adami was a founding member of the Italian Society of Osteoporosis and Metabolic Bone Diseases, a Board member of the International Osteoporosis Foundation, and a consultant to the Italian Ministry of Health for osteoporosis.

A rigorous clinician and a brilliant scientist, he spent his best energies to teach, encourage, and stimulate many young researchers and clinicians, and the colleagues of his team in Verona could always count on his advice and support to develop their careers as specialists in bone metabolism.

He loved outdoor activities such as traveling, skiing, biking, and swimming with his family and was very proud of his rich wine cellar.

We will remember him as a very rigorous doctor and teacher, a leader in the bone field, and a brilliant researcher with an outstanding record of scientific publications, and will miss his quick wits and his warm, or sometimes slightly ironic, smiles.

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