Obituary: Giuseppe Licata (1943–2019)

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With the tragic death of Prof. Giuseppe Licata (Peppino for friends) on August 2019 at the age of 76 years, the Internal Medicine community lost a good friend and colleague who gave significant contributions to our profession.

Giuseppe Licata was born on 23 April 1943, in Misilmeri (PA) and graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Palermo on December 1, 1973.

He had a long career in the field of Internal Medicine and having served the Italian University and Scientific Society for a long period. In particular, he made important contributions to the education of young students and specialists of different fields.

He became an > Associate Professor in 1982, and won the competition of Full Professor in July 1986. He was Director of the *Istituto di Clinica Medica* from 1998 to 2003; Director of the Biomedical Department of Internal Medicine and Specialities from 2004 to 2009 and then from 2011 to 2012; Director of the School of Specialization in Internal

Medicine from 1994 to 2013; Coordinator of the PhD in Genetics and Pathophysiology of cardiovascular damage in endocrine metabolic diseases from 2002 to 2012; Coordinator of the CDL in Medicine and Surgery (CHIRONE) as Dean 2012–2013; Director of UOC of Internal Medicine and Cardioangiopathy, AUOP Policlinico di Palermo from 1998 to 2013; Secretary of Italian Society of Internal Medicine (SIMI) from 1995 to 1997; Vice President SIMI from 2004 to 2007; President from 2007 to 2009; Past president from 2010 to 2012; Honorary member since 2012; Member of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM) from 2004 to 2009; Honorary Fellow of EFIM since 2007; Honorary Fellow of ACP since 2009.

He ultimately retired in October 2013 with his last *lectio magistralis*: “Una scuola, tanta ricerca, qualche scoperta” (One School, much research, some discovery).

He was a member at first of the editorial board of Internal and Emergency Medicine since 2007 and then of the advisory board.

As a President of SIMI he was the one who proposed me to the SIMI Council as new Editor-in-chief and has always worked to support the Journal with his precious suggestions and proposals.

His energy, passion and wise counsel will be remembered by many of us and he will be profoundly missed by all those who had the privilege to know him.

Peppino is survived by his wife Rosamaria, his children Anna (a renowned Internist at the University of Palermo) with Filippo, Gaetano, Federica with Michele, the beloved grandchildren Diego, Clara and the little Giulia and Salvatore!

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