

## OBITUARY

**“In Memoriam” of Arrigo Moglia***Enrico Alfonsi*

I met Professor Arrigo Moglia at the beginning of 1981. I had just entered the Neurology specialization course of the University of Pavia. In those years Arrigo Moglia was university assistant at the Neurophysiopathology Department of the Neurological Institute “Casimiro Mondino” and collaborated both in the Epileptic and Electromyography Service. Those were glorious years for this Neurological Institute in which both Arrigo Moglia and Antonio Arrigo collaborated in clinical and research fields with the mythical Director of the Neurological Clinic, Professor Paolo Pinelli, who had made it possible to apply electromyography to investigations clinics of neuromuscular pathologies. He was the first in Italy - at the Mondino Institute - to include electromyography among the diagnostic methods for studying neuromuscular pathologies. Professor Arrigo Moglia was among his pupils. Since my first meeting with Moglia I was particularly impressed by his great affability, ability to socialize with other colleagues and, above all by his intelligence in solving problems that for others, including myself, were considered difficult.

With his election as Secretary, of the Italian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology, Prof Arrigo Moglia was the first to understand the need to create a new figure in the healthcare field that would support the neurophysiologist and contributed fundamentally to starting

the Diploma of University degree for Neurophysiopathology Technician.

After the premature death of prof. Antonio Arrigo, prof. Arrigo Moglia has become Head of the EMG Service of our Institute. Our daily working life has also become a profound human relationship and I have been able to appreciate even more the skills of the Neurologist and the “Man”. Shrewd person, with high intelligence, quick to understand all situations and give enlightened and correct advice in solving clinical and scientific problems.

After his election as Full Professor and Director of the Neurophysiopathology Service of the National Neurological Institute “Casimiro Mondino”, our collaboration and friendship have become, day after day, deeper and deeper, based on solid foundations of mutual understanding and respect . The scientific works written together or revised by him with always precise and effective indications have allowed me to grow from a scientific and professional point of view. The few disagreements, the few misunderstandings between us - quite common when working and dating for more than 30 years - have always been resolved with a hug or a handshake and, therefore, with a cup of coffee taken together as a sign of clarification between true friends. You have to believe me, I loved Professor Arrigo Moglia very much. And





about a month ago -I mentioned it yesterday in a message to Miriam, the sweet wife of Professor Moglia- when I also had pneumonia from Covid 19- I sent him

a phone message. We congratulated each other hoping to get out of this damned pathology soon. So, it was the first time I felt him undecided and not very optimistic. I remember the words I wrote to him, "Come on Arrigo, 4-5 more days of hard work, then the descent will come and we will ski together. Don't forget, we have to do a long ski together in Haute-Savoie ... we must not fail to do it, you and me ". It didn't go like this, fate took away Arrigo Moglia.

As Saint Agostino says "Those who have left us are not absent, they are only invisible: they keep their eyes full of glory focused on ours full of tears".

Goodbye dear Master and Friend,  
The Earth be light to you,  
Enrico Alfonsi