

The social and aesthetical aspects of venous and lymphatics disorders: Professor Dino De Anna

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Speaking of Dino De Anna it is tough not to be overloaded by personal emotions in order to give to the readers a clear and honest image of him.

He was born in Cordenons (Italy) 72 years ago. He graduated in Medicine at the University of Ferrara always playing rugby, always at the highest level, both with Petrarca Padova and Sanson Rovigo, winning two major series, in 1976 and 1977.

As a young resident in Surgery he meets Mirella, Prof. Donini's trusty secretary, who will become his wife.

Professor Donini, a pioneer in venous and lymphatic disease. 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 an attending physician at the Department of Surgery at University of Ferrara.

And so the academic career of Dino De Anna began.

Between '70 and '80's he completed the specialties in general, pediatric, and vascular surgery.

Dino, being passionate of venous and lymphatic diseases, picked up and implemented the knowledges of his Masters in this specific field. We recognize the intuition to join phlebology and aesthetical medicine, thanks to the close relationship with Carlo Alberto Bartoletti, pioneer of aesthetical medicine in Italy.¹ Moreover, the social aspects related to venous leg ulceration and lymphedema were always a battle horse in his conferences and lectures.² Under the push of Prof. Donini, in November 1986 Dino was one of the founder members of the Italian Society of Phlebology, becoming subsequently the President from 2000 to 2003.

He was a mediator in the process of merging the major Italian Phlebologic Societies, culminated in 1996 into the birth of the Italian College of Phlebology.

The international conferences of phlebology he organized in the second half of the eighties are still remembered for the presence of the Gotha of phlebology at that time, including Stemmer, Van der Stricht, Simkin, Altman Canestri, Cockett, Hobbs, Partsch, Ouvry.

He chaired 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.

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From eclectic and dynamic man who was, He alternated the academic career to the politics, covering the position of Senator of the Italian Republic from 1996 to 2001.

In phlebology are remembered his studies on minimally invasive venous surgery, being a pioneer in the angiography of the venous system and of the laser ablation of the greater saphenous vein.^{3,4}

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 March 29, 2018.

I am certain that these few notes cannot define in exhaustive way the personality and the sensibility of a Man who always demonstrated honesty and good sense.

Everybody remember his frank and direct speech.

I will bring me inside his self-irony and modesty, the most characterizing tracts of the strong personality of Dino, as well as an indelible memory of Man and Teacher.

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Figure 1. Dino De Anna, Founder Member and Past President of the Italian Society of Phlebology.