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The last fight was against a pneumonia complicated by systemic sepsis. Biagio Di Micco was born in 1934. He obtained the grade of medicine doctor in 1963 at the faculty of Medicine of NAPLES, Italy. Immediately he was fascinated by blood functions and disorders and clinical chemistry. He was specialist in Pneumology at University of Naples (Italy) in 1963, specialist in Cardiology at University of Turin (Italy) in 1967, specialist in Hematology in 1970 at university of specialist in Nephrology at university of Messina (Italy) in 1973, specialist in Clinical Chemistry in 1974 at university of Naples (Italy), specialist in Internal Medicine in 1974 at University of Naples (Italy).

He was Physician at University of Naples starting from 1963 till 1992, then associate Professor in Haematology at University of Naples (Italy) starting from 1971 till 1992, then Associate Professor in Clinical Chemistry at University of Naples (Italy) starting from 1992 till 2001, then associate Professor of clinical Chemistry at University of Sannio, Benevento (Italy) starting from 2001 till 2008. He was one of Pioner of University of Sannio, Benevento, Italy in particular for the Faculty of Biotechnology from 2001 till 2008, but he was also Consultant Physician at University of Paris (France) starting from 1987 till 1991 at Institut de Vaisseaux et Sang, Hopital Laborisiere, and Consultant Researcher at National Research Institut of Italy (CNR) starting from 2001 till 2007.

When I was trainee I saw him work together other Colleagues, his most common nicknames during his medical activity were "the Genius", "The Scientist", "the medical prophet" but my and his favourite was Greek name "the archiater".

From a scientific point of view he received several national and international grants and awards concerning research in the field of haemostasis and platelet disorders in particular thromboastenia.

Last relevant scientific discoveries were in the field of haemostasis concerning pharmacological properties of fragments of PROTEIN SV-IV and its properties on blood coagulation *in vitro*, BACTERIAL PORIN from *Salmonella typhimurium* and its ability to increase thrombin generation *in vitro* by direct mechanisms; furthermore, he described an anticoagulant activity of ASPIRIN because a specific anti-thrombin action (i.e., anti-IIa action) *in vitro* that could be added to its already described antiplatelet action *in vitro* and *in vivo*; furthermore he described several additional activities of HUMAN SERPIN PROTEINS in particular concerning its anti-inflammatory properties. A specific clinical ability to manage haematogloical disease as thromboastenia or porphyria cutanea tarda was testified in several times while from a clinical point of view he also reported in several articles clinical features of solitary plasmacytoma and its main differences with multiple myeloma. Abnormalities of clotting blood of normal subjects and carriers of factor V Leiden was testified in a specific article clotting in which also corrections *in vitro* of reported abnormalities were described. Furthermore specific clotting abnormalities in patients affected by non-metastatic gastric cancer were carefully described in a specific report.

I'm proud to be his son of course but also to be his colleague and his pupils from a clinical point of view in particular concerning thrombotic disorders. I hope to have been right indoctrinated concerning his morality in the practice of medicine and scientific activities.

He left us at 84 years old but I am convinced that he was happy of his life, together to his family, his colleagues, his pupils, and I'm sure that medical colleagues and scientific community will be always happy to remember him.

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