

Memorial of Adalberto Vinciguerra



Prof. Adalberto Vinciguerra passed away on 22 December 2012 in Rome. He was an enthusiastic IFToMMist of the first generation, contributing in several fields of MMS (Mechanism and Machine Science) with collaborations and contacts with colleagues all around the world.

He was born in Pisa on 22 April 1937 and after receiving his engineering degree he worked for a while as industrial engineer in companies abroad. He returned to the academic world in 1972 and since then was very active in teaching and research activities at the School of Engineering of La Sapienza University in Roma. There he lectured continuously in Mechanics of machinery, he supervised many young engineering students, and he formed several young researchers on MMS. His specific interests were focused on Mechanism Design, Mechanics of Robots, and Biomechanics on which he gave relevant contributions as documented in many conference and journals papers.

He was member of the PC for History of MMS from its beginning and contributed to activities also in Robotics and Linkages Committees from late '70s up to 2004, when he retired. His relevant achievements can be recognized in algorithms for analysis and synthesis of mechanisms, robot designs, and biomechanical studies.

He was a real gentleman and he was very open minded not only in his academic profession but with a kind availability to help and support students, colleagues, and friends. His personality was of inspiration both for research activity and life style as an example of a well spent life.

For many of us he has been 'maestro' and friend. We shall feel his absence as a big loss, and we shall remember of him for ever.

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