In Memoriam

Luigi Padeletti

Luigi Padeletti was born July 15, 1947 in Gubbio, Italy. He spent all his life in Florence, Tuscany, where he lived with his family and worked at the University of Medicine. He graduated in 1972 from medical school and gained two fellowships, one in cardiology and cardiovascular diseases and the other in anesthesiology and critical care, at the University of Florence. In 1992, he became an Assistant Professor in Cardiology, and, finally, in 2006 a Full Professor of Cardiology at the University of Florence, School of Medicine, Careggi Medical Center. For eighteen years he was the Director of the Fellowship Cardiology Program at the University of Florence. He ended his academic career in November 2017 at the age of 70, when he retired. He moved from Florence to Milan and, from 2015 until 2017, he was the Director of the Cardiovascular Department IRCCS Multi-medica. From 2012 to 2014, he was President of the Italian Association of Arrhythmology and Cardiac Pacing.

Dr Padeletti dedicated most of his life to studying medicine and cardiology and to transferring his knowledge to a new generation of medical

doctors. He was always surrounded by students, residents, and fellows that were involved in his multiple areas of research. He trained and mentored innumerable electrophysiology cardiologists from all over Italy and abroad. His electrophysiology cardiology lab and his office were always open to anyone who wanted to be trained in this field and follow his research.

Dr Padeletti's area of expertise covered many fields of cardiology and electrophysiology. He started to pace the Koch triangle in order to prevent atrial fibrillation burden in patients implanted with pacemakers. In addition, he dedicated a lot of his research to optimization for cardiac resynchronization therapy in congestive heart failure. In his late years, he dedicated his attention to hemodynamic changes in failing hearts by His bundle stimulation. Based on all his studies and his ability to guide research, he headed several randomized controlled trials that were presented and published at European Heart Rhythm Association, European Society of Cardiology (ESC), and American College of Cardiology, at American Heart Association's annual meetings, and in various journals (MASCOT, PACMAN, WHERE,

DASAP, INSYNC, and so on). He also wrote more than 350 peer-reviewed research papers.

Along with this innovative research, he joined and led many national and international steering committees, as, for example, the 2013 ESC guidelines for cardiac pacing and resynchronization therapy. In addition, he guided an Expert Consensus Statement on the management of cardiovascular implantable electronic devices in patients nearing end of life or requesting withdrawal of therapy in Europe, the composition of which required not only expertise in medicine but also an understanding of the connection of medicine with other fields, such as philosophy, religion, and ethics.

His leadership was associated with a friendly relationship with all his colleagues, and with a sense of humor and a propensity to help

young researchers, medical doctors, and his patients.

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