

In lasting tribute: Paolo Falagiani, DVM



Paolo Falagiani passed away in Milan on February 4th 2011. Dr Falagiani, Scientific Director of Lofarma SpA, has been one of the pioneers of allergy in Italy. His work in the field of chemistry and characterization of allergens is well reputed and testified by numerous scientific publications. Together with his co-workers he synthesized the first monomeric allergoid for immunotherapy, and played an essential role in introducing the idea of sublingual immunotherapy in the scientific community. Equally important has been his ongoing divulgation activity, which contributed to educate and guide generations of allergists, including us who survive him. Dr Falagiani was a man with a broad, multifaceted culture which made it intriguing and enriching to talk and discuss with him also about a number of non-scientific issues. As a worker in the field of allergy Dr Falagiani was an intelligent co-worker and a good friend of us all. His legacy will continue to be expressed in the admiration and memory of the physicians who had the luck to know him.

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