

In Memoriam of Prof. Giovanni Motta

Professor Giovanni Motta was born in Catania in 1930 and earned his degree in Medicine and Surgery in 1952. His thesis was entitled “The blind flight of bats and the ari-epiglottic folds as the organ that produces ultrasound” was published in the *Acts of the Accademia dei Lincei* in 1954.

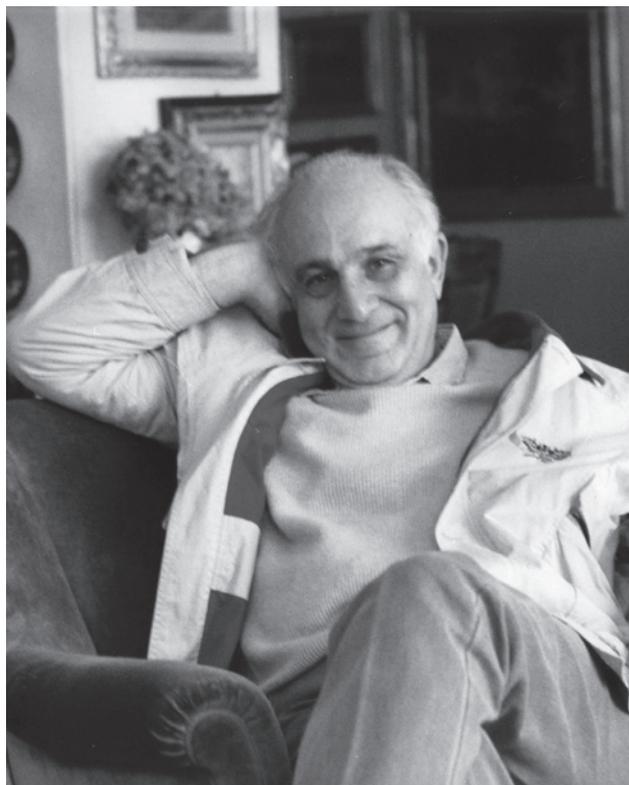
He served in the Otorhinolaryngological Clinic in 1958 and in Audiology in 1964. He directed the Otorhinolaryngology Clinic of the University of Bologna (1966-69), the University of Cagliari (1970-74), the Second Faculty of Naples (1975-76) and finally “Federico II” University of Naples (1977-2002). He chaired the Italian Society of Phoniatics and Speech Therapy (SIFEL) during 1983-1985, Associazione Universitaria Otorinolaringoiatri (AUORL) during 1989-1991, the Società Italiana di Otorinolaringoiatria Pediatrica (SIOP) during 1988-1991 and the Società Italiana di Otorinolaringoiatria e Chirurgia Cervico-Facciale (SIO) during 1994-1996.

In 1992, he was the President of the 2nd European Congress of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. In the same year, he was awarded the gold medal by the Ministry of Health. His scientific production includes more than 300 publications in national and international journals that cover all fields of Otorhinolaryngology.

During his long academic career, he was a speaker or co-author of Official Relations at National Congresses and Official Manifestations of the various societies of otorhinolaryngology, always highlighting his personal experiences. In this regard, we remember the following: “The peripheral and central factors of dysgeusias” (SIO, 1958), “Psychosomatic Medicine in Otorhinolaryngology” (SOOI, 1963), “The alterations of hearing in cranial traumatised with labyrinthine lesions” (SIO, 1964), “Medical-legal evaluation of deafness” (SIAF, 1974), “Surgical treatment of maxillary sinus tumours” (SIO, 1974), “Reconstructive surgery in carcinomas of the cervico-facial area” (SIO, 1978), “Anesthetic problems in paediatric otorhinolaryngology” (SIOP, 1983), “Benign neoformations of the larynx: rehabilitative and surgical treatment” (SIFEL, 1983), “Tinnitus” (SIO, 1983), “The legal responsibility of the otolaryngologist” (SIO, 1987), “The prosthetic rehabilitation of adult neurosensory deafness” (AUORL, 1991) and “The CO2 laser in endoscopic laryngeal surgery” (SIO, 2001).

He also directed two SIFEL Courses: “Recent acquisitions on the equipment to be used in phoniatic diagnosis and logopaedic rehabilitative therapy” (1985), “The singing voice: current possibilities of phoniatic investigations for clinical classification and therapeutic treatment” (1989).

At the end of the 1990s, he directed the “World Laboratory” project to promote technological and cultural updates in China, Egypt and Malta. In the field of CO2 laser surgery, Professor Motta was one of the staunchest advocates, especially with regards to its use in laryngeal surgery; he was the first to classify CO2 laser surgical techniques in the field of oncology. After organising two International Meetings on laser surgery in 1982 and 1996, in subsequent years he presented his results at numerous conferences in Italy and abroad, based on the case studies at his department, which are among the most numerous on an international level.



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