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.


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.


He also directed two SIFEL Courses: “Recent acquisitions on the equipment to be used in phoniatric diagnosis and logopaedic rehabilitative therapy” (1985), “The singing voice: current possibilities of phoniatric 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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