

Remembering Paolo Vigolo

I was about to write the editorial for this issue when I received a message that saddened me deeply: A member of our Editorial Board, Dr Paolo Vigolo, had passed away unexpectedly on June 12. Our profession has lost a great expert, and, more importantly, a wonderful human being! I have known Paolo for many years, and we had numerous professional interactions. I respected him very much, both professionally and personally, and cannot believe he is no longer with us. I would like to dedicate this editorial to him.



Paolo Vigolo graduated cum laude in Dentistry in 1986 from the University of Padova, Italy. Only 1 year later, in 1987, he received a scholarship to spend 6 months at the Department of Restorative Dentistry at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts. This stay motivated him to return to the US from 1988 to 1991 to pursue his postgraduate education at the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. These years resulted in a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Prosthodontics and a Master of Science in Dentistry (Prosthodontics). After these accomplishments, Paolo returned to Vicenza, Italy, in 1991 to lead his private dental clinic, focusing on prosthodontics, implantology, and gnathology. From 1996 on, Paolo was also teaching Occlusion and Periodontal Prosthetics at the University of Padova. In 2016, he became Associate Professor of Prosthodontics at the LUdeS Foundation HEI in Malta, and in 2017, he gained the national qualification for full professorship in his home country, Italy.

Paolo was a member of the European Prosthodontic Association (EPA) and an EPA-recognized Specialist in Prosthodontics. Furthermore, he was a member of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) and the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP). Most importantly, however, he was an active member of the Italian Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry (AIOP) and its president from 2017 to 2018.

Paolo Vigolo was not only a great clinical prosthodontist but also an internationally respected scientist. His work is reflected in almost 50 peer-reviewed publications, most all of them listed in Medline. I had the personal honor and pleasure of scientifically collaborating with him when we prepared a systematic

review for the International Team for Implantology (ITI) Consensus Conference in 2018, and I admired his passion and precision in the evaluation of data.

Paolo Vigolo was an enthusiastic clinician and researcher, and he never stopped working hard for the further development of prosthodontics and implantology. Besides his services for the IJP, Paolo was a reviewer for numerous scientific journals, including *The International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial implants* (IJOMI), the *Journal of Applied Oral Sciences* (JAOS,) and the *Journal of Prosthodontics* (JOPR). He was also associate editor of the *Journal of Osseointegration* (JO).

On March 14, 2018, at the AO Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, Paolo Vigolo was bestowed the William R. Laney Award for the best scientific article published in IJOMI in the previous year, an award supported by Quintessence Publishing Company. The award-winning paper, "Internal- vs External-Connection Single Implants: A Retrospective Study in an Italian Population Treated by Certified Prosthodontists," displays his qualities both as a researcher and as a very special personality. For this retrospective clinical study, he and his research team, consisting of active members of the AIOP, evaluated single implants with internal or external connections inserted at 27 private dental practices from January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2007. Anyone who has ever conducted this type of multicenter research is certainly aware of the enormous efforts the investigators need to succeed, most specifically the primary investigator. This award represented many of Paolo Vigolo's professional and personal qualities in prosthodontics—passion, thoroughness, endurance, gentleness, kindness, and diplomacy. Well, and certainly many more.

Through his research and these accomplishments, Paolo Vigolo will remain unforgettable. Yet, we will miss him greatly. Rest in peace, dear Paolo!

Best regards on behalf of the entire Editorial Board team,

Irena Sailer, Editor-in-Chief