

Prof. Giustino Varrassi (short biography)

Professional career

Graduated in Medicine in Roma (Italy) in 1973, where he started his academic career, in the Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care. Four years later he moved to the University of L'Aquila (Italy), where in 1985 he became Chairman of the Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine Department. In that University he has created the Academic Anesthesia and Pain Medicine tradition, including the residency programs. At the moment, he is President of the Paolo Procacci Foundation, NGO based in Roma and involved in research and education on Pain Medicine.

Other professional activities

As a member of the scientific community, he has published few hundred papers and chapters of books, and edited several books. Since 1974 he is involved, at different levels, in the scientific societies of Anesthesiology and of Pain, both at national and international level. In 1993 he was one of the Founding Members of the EFIC, of which he was Member of the Executive Board for 21 years, also serving as President (2008-2011), and Liaison Officer with the European Community Institutions (2014-2017). In 2017-2020 he has served in the Executive Board of the World Institute of Pain (WIP) as President-Elect and President. During his professional life, he has organized several national and international congresses, including the first European Congress of Pain medicine (EFIC Congress 1995, Verona), the World Society of Pain Clinicians Congress (2000, Santa Margherita di Pula), the EFIC Congress in Florence (2012) and the Congress of WIP (2020, Roma).

Main professional interest

At the beginning of his professional life, his research interest was mainly addressed to Obstetric Anesthesia and Analgesia. Starting from the beginning of nineties he was mainly attracted by research on Pain Medicine, including the social impact of pain, at any level. On this last topic he has created a European annual event of awareness, normally organized inside of the European Parliament.