PLANT DISEASE MANAGEMENT:
50 YEARS OF CHALLENGES

An International Workshop in the occasion of Professor Angelo Garibaldi’s retirement
FOREWORD

This section of the Journal of Plant Pathology contains the texts of the six lectures delivered at the International Workshop organized in Torino on September 23, 2010, to celebrate Professor Angelo Garibaldi’s retirement.

The format chosen for organizing such a sober but hearty event reflects pretty much the nature and attitude of Angelo Garibaldi, a passionate and enthusiastic researcher, who dedicated 50 years of his life to studies in the field of plant pathology and plant disease management. His research addressed a wide number of subjects pertaining to bacterial and fungal diseases of an incredible number of crops, from basil to plane tree, with a very special attention to ornamentals.

Although Angelo Garibaldi has served in many important offices, from Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture to Vice-Rector of the University of Torino, he always remained a real and true researcher, deeply interested in the actual problems faced by growers and willing to solve them to the best of his knowledge.

This is the reason of this no-frill celebration, which keeps a very high scientific profile.

The choice of the speakers reflects the fact that Angelo Garibaldi’s studies and teaching were carried out, since the very beginning, in an international scenario, establishing collaborations all over the world, that allowed his small group of co-workers to achieve international recognition.

Many thanks are expressed to the colleagues who accepted to take part in this celebration, to the many former students who enthusiastically participated, well remembering the attention paid by Professor Garibaldi to education and training, and to Professor Giovanni P. Martelli who helped reviewing and assembling the manuscripts.

Many grateful thanks are especially due to Angelo Garibaldi for his outstanding contributions to research and teaching in Plant pathology and for his unique mentoring capability and willingness to continue the activity also after retirement. His wisdom, patience, kindness and sound guidance are irreplaceable and indispensable for all those who shared the fortune to work with him.

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