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FÅHRÆUS AWARD CEREMONY

Laudatio: Fåhræus Awardee Tullio Di Perri

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The Fåhræus Award is being presented today for the fifth time since the Medal was created after the First European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology in Nancy in 1979. The Award is made in recognition of the work undertaken by a research scientist in the field of hemorheology. One side of the Medal was designed by L. Alcopley for the Second European Conference held in London in 1981, at the request of J. A. Dormandy, H. Schmid-Schönbein and myself with the sponsorship of Laboratoires Hoechst-France. The other side of the Medal, also designed by L. Alcopley, depicts the portrait of Robin Fåhræus, a pioneer in the field of clinical hemorheology. The Medal was presented to the Awardee during this Ceremony by M. Winicki, President of Hoechst-France.

Dear Professor Di Perri, dear Tullio, before you receive the Fåhræus Medal, allow me to say a few words about the man I know. I believe that the members of the International Committee, who have nominated you as today's Fåhræus Award winner, chose not just the research scientist and clinician that you are, but also the scientific leader, who founded and continues to stimulate the Italian Society of Clinical Hemorheology.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Tullio Di Perri has had an extremely prolific career in both medicine and biomedical research. I only hope that my very brief summary today will give an accurate account of his activities. Tullio, I apologize if I have forgotten

to mention some of the activities on your impressive curriculum vitae.

After obtaining his medical degree in 1949 at the age of 23, Tullio spent six months in a cardiology laboratory in Stockholm during 1952. From October 1952 to September 1956, he acted as an assistant at the Institute of Medical Semiotics at Messina University. Tullio came to Sienna University in September 1957 and obtained his specialization in cardiology at the University of Bologna in 1964. From 1974 to 1978 he was the Director of the Institute of Medical Semiotics at Sienna University Medical School. In 1975 he became full Professor in Medical Semiotics and since 1978 he has been the Director of the Institute of Special Medical Pathology at Sienna University Medical School.

Professor Di Perri is at present:

- Director of the Institute of Special Pathology at Sienna University
- Director of Specialization in Internal Medicine at Sienna University
- Director of the Medical Informatic Center at Sienna University
- Member of the Council of the Italian Society of Internal Medicine
- Co-coordinator of the Research Doctorate (PhD) in Clinical Pharmacology.

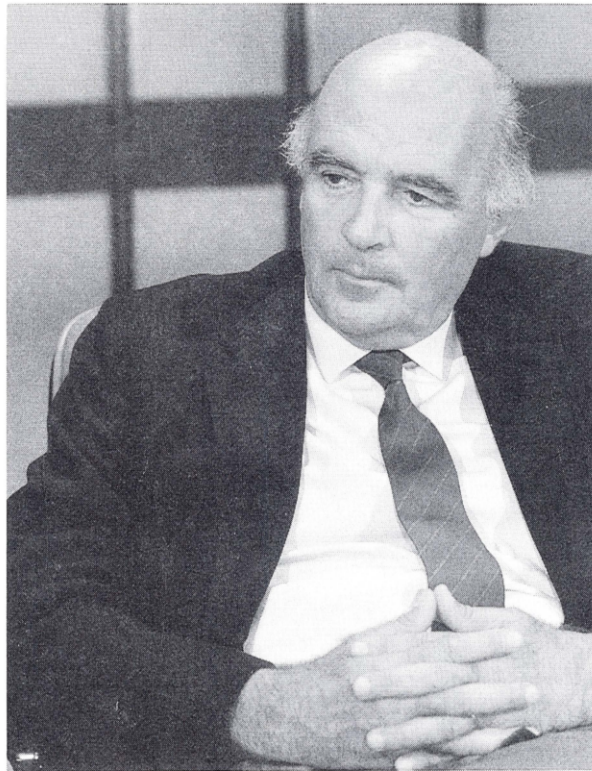
Tullio's scientific activities are mainly concerned with:

- Immunology and Inflammation
- Biological and Clinical Problems in Atherosclerosis
- Electrolytic Metabolism in Hypertension
- Clinical Hemorheology
- Clinical Pharmacology

During his scientific career, Tullio Di Perri has published over 350 papers, 90 of which have been devoted to clinical and experimental hemorheology. I should particularly like to mention his conference on hyperviscosity syndromes during the 87th Congress of the Italian Society of Internal Medicine in 1983 and his paper on 'Obstructive Arteriopathies of the Limbs: Physiopathology and Clinics' during the 87 Congress of the Society in 1986.

Finally, Tullio on this very special occasion, I should like to welcome your dear wife Simone, to whom I am indebted for having revealed to me the secrets of Palio during one of my first visits to Sienna for the First Congress of the Italian Society for Clinical Hemorheology in 1981. The renowned Palio Festival is dear to all inhabitants of Sienna and particularly to you, Tullio, as you are the President of the Brotherhood of 'la Torra'. It was during this festival that I first discovered a highly colourful 'son et lumière' tableau of the Middle Ages, which I found splendid.

Ladies and Gentlemen, It gives me great pleasure and pride to introduce you to a superb clinician and marvelous person, the Fifth Recipient of the Fåhræus Award, Professor Tullio Di Perri.



Tullio Di Perri

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