

## Obituary

### **Prof. Dr. med. Oskar Schindler**

\* Sept. 18, 1936, Torre Pellice, † Oct. 20, 2020, Torino, Italy

I came to know this distinguished Italian Phoniatician, Professor Oskar Schindler, since the mid 1970's. At that time, Phoniaticians were very few. I found in him a reliable support professionally and an honest comrade as a sincere friend! I came to know the Schindler family so closely that Oskar turned to be undoubtedly a brother, Bianca (his wife) became my sister, and automatically I became the loving Uncle to both Antonio and Giovanni, and their kids.



What a blessing that was endowed over me that not many persons has the luck to cherish!

Oskar has been a land mark in the profession of Phoniatics. He carried valiantly the academic responsibility of the specialty in the University of Turin. With devotion he trained and produced leading specialists in our field. Professor Schindler was a prolific writer and author. He produced, practically, a full library of references in our field of Phoniatics. He was also a great collector of books. Oskar just loved these tools of wisdom. He cared for his big and distinguished library as a father would care for his child.

Oskar Schindler was one of the founding members of the European Union of Phoniatician (UEP) in 1971. He devoted his life supporting the cause of UEP as the professional body that cared for our rising specialty in clinical medicine.

I still remember 2 major world congresses that took place in beautiful Turin, where Oskar, my dear friend, devoted himself, with Professor Rossi for CORLS, to guarantee that these two events turned out to be a great success scientifically, culturally, and socially. The events were the annual meeting of the distinguished Collegium Oto-Rhino- Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum (CORLAS), in 1987, and the triennial World Congress of the International Association of Logopedics an Phoniatics (IALP), in 2013.

I am sure that all the friends of Professor Oskar Schindler, worldwide, shall miss him for many years to come, and shall always remember Oskar as the calm capable person who runs perfectly well his duties including big scientific gatherings “without showing a single drop of sweat”!

We shall miss in Professor Oskar Schindler, a distinguished academician, a kind teacher, and a noble character. And, I shall miss in Oskar, the loving brother, and the admirable role he played in his family as a caring husband, father, and grandfather.

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