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### **Obituary Prof. Giuseppe Romeo**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Prof. Giuseppe Romeo in Italy.

He was the head of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Messina from 1971 to 2008. He also led the Polycattedra Institute of Pediatric Surgery and Medical Genetics from 1975 to 2000. He directed the Department of Pediatric Medical and Surgical Sciences from 2000 to 2007. From the founding of the institution in 1975 until 2000, he directed the Post Graduate Program in Pediatric Surgery of the University of Messina, first in Sicily. He was the Dean of the Academic Body of the University of Messina from 2000 to 2008.

Towards the end of his academic career, by decree of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research in 2008, he was awarded the title of "Professor Emeritus of Pediatric and Child Surgery". He served as President of the Italian Society of Pediatric Surgery, 1980-1982 and was the Italian Representative for Pediatric Surgery within the European Union of Medical Specialists: 1980-1984. He was also the President of the Italian Society of Pediatric Urology (1990-1992). Furthermore, he was an academician of the Accademia Peloritana dei Pericolanti, established in Messina in 1729. He was also the Director of the Class of Biological and Medical Sciences 2009-2015.

Prof. Romero received many awards, worth mentioning is the Gold medal of the National Union of Medical Association Press Information, Gold Medal of the Italian Society of Pediatric Urology SIUP in 2013 and the Soave Medal of the Italian Society of Pediatric Surgery SICP in 2017. He was decorated as the Knight of the Grand Cross Order of Merit of the Italian Republic in 2010 which is the highest honor conferred by the President of the Republic.

Prof. Romeo has been an inspirational role model to many Pediatric Surgeons and will be missed by many of his colleagues and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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