

Sabino Palmieri

According to the writer Thomas Morris Longstreth, amateurs of Meteorology are both scientists and poets. We do not know if this is the truth, but that was definitively true for Sabino Palmieri, President of the Società Italiana di Meteorologia Applicata (SIMA), died last 8th February 2007. Sabino Palmieri formed his deep background in Physics of the Atmosphere studying in the US and continuing his research activity both in Italy and in Great Britain. He was involved since the very beginning in the ECMWF activities and in the 80s He had to deal with the important charge of Director of the Italian Air Force Meteorological Service. Sabino Palmieri had also been professor of Dynamic Meteorology at the University “La Sapienza” in Rome and through this role he was able not only to share his deep knowledge but to transmit to the students even his strong and sincere passion for the weather.

As President of SIMA, Sabino Palmieri had been involved into the EMS activities since the very beginning, in 1999. Moreover he tried to involve as much as possible even the other Italian Meteorological Societies into this new opportunity represented by EMS. His efforts, in particular, were devoted to enforce an unitary Italian presence into the EMS activities. His interest in the Physics of the Atmosphere never faded away and, even if already aware of his health troubles, he spent a large amount of his time working on the problem of the tropospheric ozone and ultraviolet radiation. Last 8th February, Earth lost a brave Physicist but Heaven earned a solid Meteorologist.

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