

The First Cycle Degree Programme in Aquaculture is dedicated to the memory of Professor Trentini, its President.

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On 28 September 2011, following a long illness, sadly our dear colleague and friend Professor Massimo Trentini passed away. A zoologist and entomologist, for over 30 years he taught and performed research in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Bologna, in 2001 becoming Degree Programme Director in Aquaculture and Fish Pathology (today known as Aquaculture and Fish Production Hygiene) in Cesenatico. An expert in reproductive biology and cytogenetics of marine and freshwater crustaceans and molluscs, for decades he also worked in the fields of entomology, parasitology, and the reproduction and genetic characterisation of fish populations.

Thanks to his tireless, enthusiastic commitment, with which he developed the Degree Programme in Aquaculture and Fish Production Hygiene, working with professor Gatta, Professor Trentini was able to establish a strong relationship with the local territory and institutions, enabling the Degree Programme to become an educational and scientific point of reference for aquaculture and the fish sector as a whole. His extremely valuable knowledge of zoology and entomology also favoured the establishment of a repository of all the main species of molluscs, crustaceans and fish of the Adriatic within the Degree Programme, enabling the biodiversity of our marine fauna to be monitored and new species of fish to be catalogued.

Professor Trentini therefore leaves us a wonderful legacy, not only in terms of everything that his hard work and personal involvement helped to achieve, but also in terms of the projects that his determination and grand passion helped to launch, such as, for instance, the establishment of a new building to house the Degree Programme in Cesenatico. Professor Massimo Trentini was, and always will be, a role model for all those who had the honour and pleasure of working with him, and appreciating not only his skills as a scientist and a teacher, but also, and most of all, his ability to constantly strive to meet a common objective and his great human kindness.

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