

PROFESSOR GIANVITTORIO VENTAFRIDDA

He was born on the 29th of October **1927** in Ragogna - Udine (ITALY).

In **1952** he graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Pavia and got a specialization in anaesthesia at the University of Bologna.

From **1955** to **1958** he took a rotating internship and residency training in Anaesthesiology at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

From **1958** to **1970** he was Associate Director of Anaesthesia at the National Cancer Institute of Milan.

From **1970** to **1980** he was the Director of the Division of Pain Therapy and Rehabilitation at the National Cancer Institute of Milan.

From **1980** to **1993** he worked at the National Cancer Institute of Milan as the Director of the Palliative Care Division.

From **1984** to **1993** he Directed the WHO Collaborating Centre in Cancer Pain at the National Cancer Institute of Milan.

Since **1993** he is the WHO Official Expert in Palliative Care.

He is a Consultant at the European Institute of Oncology of Milan since **1994**.

Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre in Cancer Control and Palliative Care at the European Institute of Oncology of Milan since **1994**.

From **1977** to **2008** he has been the Scientific Director of the Fondazione Floriani.

He is the founder and the Honorary President of the European Association for Palliative Care, (EAPC).

He is the founder & Council Member of the "International Association for the Study of Pain", (IASP).

PUBLICATIONS

He has realised more than 200 articles on the topics of pain, pharmacology, non-pharmacological modalities, palliative care, terminal care and co-editor of several books on cancer pain published in the international and local press. Author of WHO's Analgesic Ladder on Cancer Pain Management translated in more than 28 languages and applied worldwide. In **2004** Fondazione Floriani in collaboration with WHO has published 2 booklets: The Solid Facts - Palliative Care and The Better Palliative Care for Older People. These have been divulgate in some European Countries as well as in the Asian ones and in the South America and States. Furthermore in **2004** he has published on the European Journal of Cancer, an International working group convened by the European School of Oncology. "A new international framework for palliative care".

In **2005**, Fondazione Floriani in collaboration with some Italian Associations (SICP, FCP and SIGG) has translated and published into Italian the 2 booklets.

In **2006** he has published on the European Journal Pain a Survey of chronic pain in Europe: *prevalence, impact on daily life, and treatment*.

AWARDS

JOHN J. BONICA AWARD **1988**

BOHEN PFEIFER AWARD **1993**

Award for Scientific Excellence

GOLD MEDAL **2002**

From the Order of Physicians and Dentists of Milan