

With a passport heavily stamped after his many trips overseas, art lover and passionate traveller who always had his wife Alessandra at his side, we now imagine him on his way once again, only this time travelling light, and on his own...

The news of Eugenio Torre's death, which we received on Monday, June 4th, took us quite unawares. The suddenness of his passing has left his family, friends and wider circle of acquaintances reeling with shock and deeply saddened.



Eugenio Torre, founding member and first president of the Italian Society of Psychiatric Epidemiology, was one of the very first people to deal with and write about psychiatric epidemiology. His pupils remember him for his willingness to help whenever they had a doubt or were unsure how to organise a study: he would always respond to anyone who turned to him for help, and never made anyone feel he was too 'important' for them. Accordingly, in a departure from what was usual within Italian academia, his relationships with his pupils were built on openness and generosity of spirit. He was never one to pull rank.

The memory of this warm, witty and communicative man, whose deep humanity shone through in his devotion to his family, in his relations with others, and in his constant willingness to support his former pupils, will remain very much alive in the hearts of all of us who have been honoured to know him and admire him.

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